

Board Reports

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy

“Rivers and Mountains Conservancy” (RMC)

will be held on

Wednesday, October 29, 2008

at

3:00 pm

at the following location:

Progress Park Plaza Auditorium

15500 Downey Avenue

Paramount, CA 90723

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Public Comment
(Public comment on items for the RMC will be taken at this time. Individuals wishing to comment must fill out a comment card at the meeting for the official record and will be allowed two minutes to speak, and representatives of organizations/agencies will be allowed three minutes to speak. Speaker time may be reduced depending on the number of speakers.)
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Chair's Report
5. Deputy Attorney General's Report
6. Executive Officer's Reports
 - A. Legislation and Initiatives
 - B. Budget Expenditure & Status Report
 - C. Project and Liaison Activities
 - D. Review and status discussion of approved grant projects.
7. RMC Consent Calendar
8. RMC Regular Calendar
 - A. Consideration of a resolution awarding a Prop. 84 grant to the Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority for the acquisition of properties in Soledad Canyon (Assessor Parcel Numbers 3210-002-012, 3210-003-007, 3210-003-008, 3210-003-009) in the Upper Santa Clara River watershed (RMC08102).
 - B. Consideration of a resolution authorizing a grant to the Trust for Public Land for the Pine Avenue Park Acquisition and Development (RMC 08104).
 - C. Consideration of a resolution authorizing a grant amendment to the Watershed Conservation Authority for the Walnut Creek Habitat and Open Space project (RMC3522).
 - D. Consideration of a resolution recommending that the Watershed Conservation Authority submit a grant application to the Resources Agency Prop. 84 California River Parkways and Urban Streams Restoration Grant Program for the Duck Farm Phase 1A Implementation Project.
 - E. Consideration of a resolution approving the preliminary RMC Grant Program Tier 2 application recommendations.
 - F. Consideration of a resolution approving Chris Solek as a new member for the Habitat and Science Advisory Panel.
 - G. Appointment of member to the Watershed Conservation Authority.
 - H. Appointment of member to the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority.

9. Board member comments
10. Announcement of next meeting date
11. Adjournment upon completion of business

The RMC may hold a closed session on any public hearing item pursuant to Section 11126(c)(7)(A), Section 11126(e) and Section 11126.3(a) of the Government Code.

For additional information concerning the meeting, please contact the Deputy Executive Officer, Alina Bokde at (626) 815-1019 or visit the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy web page at www.rmc.ca.gov

Note: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, if you require a disability-related modification or accommodation to attend or participate in the meeting, including auxiliary aids or services, please contact the Executive Secretary at (626) 815-1019 at least 3 days prior to the meeting.

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC)
City of Paramount
July 28, 2008**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held at the Progress Park Plaza Auditorium in the City of Paramount and the meeting was called to order at 3:12pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Frank Colonna, Vice Chair
Mr. Denis Bertone
Mr. Patrick O'Donnell
Mr. Dean Grose
Mr. Edward Wilson
Ms. Sharon Martinez

Mr. Diego Cadena (for Mr. Efstathiou)
Mary Anne Skorpanich (for Mr. Speegle)
Mr. Daniel Sulzer (for Colonel Magness)
Mr. Stan Chen (for Mr. Stetson)
Ms. Debbie Smith (for Ms. Adams)
Mr. Ron Schafer (for Secretary Chrisman)
Ms. Teresa Villegas (for Sup. Gloria Molina)
Ms. Jody Noiron (for Mr. Weingardt)

Due to the absence of Chair Arrighi, Vice Chair Colonna was acting Chair.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chair Dan Arrighi
Mr. Michael Genest
Mr. David De Jesus
Ms. Ruth Coleman

Mr. Dave Means (for Mr. Donnelly)

STAFF PRESENT

Belinda Faustinos, Executive Officer
Valerie Thompson, Executive Secretary
Terry Fujimoto, Deputy Attorney General

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Ludd Trozpek gave public comment in opposition to the Thompson Creek project and indicated that the project was not well developed.

Mr. Gary Mizumoto gave public comment in opposition to the Padua Park project and noted that it should not be considered for Tier 2 status because, in his opinion, it is not low impact recreation, not a nature preserve and that the 240 space parking lot would create traffic and noise.

Ms. Martinez arrived at approximately 3:22pm.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No corrections were noted

Mr. Grose motioned that the June 23, 2008 and amended March 24, 2008, minutes be approved; Mr. O'Donnell seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

4. CHAIR'S REPORT

No report was given.

5. DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

No report was given.

6. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS

A. Legislation and Initiatives

The Executive Officer referred the Board to the staff report as it was self-explanatory; however, she did elaborate on SBX2 2 – Perata Senate Bill and noted that this is the third version of the Bill and that the biggest difference with this version is the Bay Delta Conservation plan, and that this version does not have specific allocations for the RMC.

B. Budget Expenditure & Status Report

The Executive Officer gave a brief summary on the capital outlay and support budget. Board members were referred to the staff report for more detailed information.

C. Project and Liaison Activities

The Executive Officer referred the Board to the staff report as it was self-explanatory. The letter from Supervisor Gloria Molina regarding the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission project was discussed briefly.

7. REVIEW AND STATUS DISCUSSION OF APPROVED GRANT PROJECTS.

The Executive Officer pointed out that out of 144 projects, 82 were completed and 62 were active.

8. RMC CONSENT CALENDAR

A. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE IN ALLOCATION OF FUNDING FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS: A) VINCENT LUGO PARK IMPLEMENTATION GRANT (RMC3598); B) CITY OF LOS ALAMITOS FOR THE COYOTE CREEK-LOS ALAMITOS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (RMC3318; C) SAN GABRIEL RIVER DISCOVERY CENTER AUTHORITY FOR THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER DISCOVERY CENTER PROJECT (RMC3477); D) CITY OF DUARTE FOR THE ENCANTO NATURE WALK/BIOSWALE PROJECT (RMC3633).

There was no report and no discussion.

- B. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT AMENDMENT TO THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FOR THE AZUSA RIVER WILDERNESS PARK PROJECT (RMC3615).**

There was no report and no discussion.

- C. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF LONG BEACH PROJECT MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE PROJECT (RMC3593).**

There was no report and no discussion.

- D. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF CERRITOS FOR THE COYOTE CREEK BIKE TRAIL CONNECTION PROJECT (RMC 3584).**

There was no report and no discussion.

- E. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE LOS ANGELES CHILDREN'S OUTDOOR BILL OF RIGHTS INITIATIVE.**

There was no report and no discussion.

- F. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR THE DUCK FARM PROJECT PHASE 1A (RMC3609).**

There was no report and no discussion.

- G. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FINAL FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 BUDGET.**

There was no report and no discussion.

Mr. Grose moved to adopt the consent calendar's Items A through G; Mr. Schafer seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

9. RMC REGULAR CALENDAR

- A. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT TO THE CITY OF PARAMOUNT FOR RALPH C. DILLS PARK EXPANSION IMPLEMENTATION (RMC3638).**

The Executive Officer gave a brief description and update on the project. It was noted that the City of Paramount has matching funds in the amount of \$2.8 million.

Mr. O'Donnell moved to adopt the resolution; Mr. Schafer seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

B. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE RESOURCES AGENCY FOR THE AZUSA RIVER WILDERNESS PARK (RMC3615).

The Executive Officer gave a background summary, and presented a map and detailed description of the site. It was noted that the Resources Agency has awarded the WCA \$1,972,225 for the acquisition. The Executive Officer explained how the site is a significant conservation area.

There was a brief discussion regarding a possible budget amendment and private parcel ownership.

Mr. Bertone moved to adopt the resolution; Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. Unanimously Passed.

C. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY ACQUIRE ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER 8684-027-012 IN THE CITY OF AZUSA FOR THE AZUSA RIVER WILDERNESS PARK PROJECT FROM THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND (RMC3615).

The Executive Officer gave a brief description of the property and mentioned the different types of activities that have occurred on the property such as, landing of search and rescue helicopters. The "Agreement of Sale" was included in the staff report.

Mr. Bertone moved to adopt the resolution; Mr. Grose seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

Di. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY AWARD A CONTRACT TO AAJ INC FOR THE AZUSA RIVER WILDERNESS PARK PROJECT (RMC3596).

The Executive Officer gave a brief update on the relocation activities conducted by Overland, Pacific and Cutler which included interviews with the tenants, surveys, appraisals of the mobile homes, relocation plan and conversion impact report. It was noted that the relocation process has been running smoothly and that all of the mobile homes should be vacated or moved by mid-August 2008. A budget comparisons of proposals for demolition and planning, and the implementation budget was included in the staff report.

Mr. Grose moved to adopt the resolution; Mr. O'Donnell seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

Ms. Smith left at approximately 4:10pm.

Dii. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT TO THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FOR ACQUISITION OF PARCELS IN CLAREMONT, GLENDORA, LA PUENTE, LONG BEACH, MONROVIA, AND SOUTH EL MONTE, IF OFFERED FOR SALE BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR AND FURTHER RECOMMENDING THAT THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY ENTER INTO CHAPTER 8 AGREEMENTS FOR ACQUISITION OF THOSE PARCELS (RMC3640).

The Executive Officer referred the Board to the list of parcels which was included in the Board report on pages 87 and 88, and aerial photographs beginning on page 190.

Ms. Smith returned at approximately 4:11pm.

Mr. Wilson left at approximately 4:11pm and returned at approximately 4:12pm.

Mr. Bertone moved to adopt the resolution; Mr. Schafer seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

E. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY APPROVE ACQUISITION OF ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBERS: 8120-019-001 & 8120-019-002 IN UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES COUNTY, DISTRICT 1 FOR THE SAN JOSE CREEK OPEN SPACE PROJECT (RMC3619).

The Executive Officer gave a background summary and update. It was noted that Los Angeles County will provide both the land acquisition and due diligence funds necessary for the acquisition of the Almas property. The agreement was included in the staff report.

Mr. O'Donnell moved to adopt the resolution; Ms. Wilson seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

F. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, RIVERS, TRAIL, AND CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE PEDESTRIAN/BIKE PATH ALONG RANDOLPH AVENUE IN THE COMMUNITIES OF MAYWOOD, HUNTINGTON PARK, AND BELL.

The Executive Officer gave a brief summary and update on the project and it was noted that the application is for in-kind technical assistance from the National Park Service, and that it would not have a fiscal impact on grant bond funds and that staff support would be eligible through Prop. 84 funding.

Mr. Grose moved to adopt the resolution; Mr. O'Donnell seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

Items G and H were heard concurrently.

G. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ALLOCATION OF PROP 84 FUNDS TO NORTH EAST TREES FOR WORK COMPLETED DURING FY 07/08 UNDER RMC 3394, MAYWOOD RIVER BIKEWAY GRANT.

H. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ALLOCATION OF PROP 84 FUNDS TO LOS ANGELES CONSERVATION CORPS FOR WORK COMPLETED DURING FY07/08 UNDER RMC 3250, WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT GRANT.

The Executive Officer explained that due to discrepancies with the record of reimbursements received by North East Trees and the records on file with the Department of General Services, the payment request was delayed and missed the end of the fiscal year cut-off date for processing and as a result the grant was reverted.

There was a brief discussion regarding the issues legalities and the status of the state budget.

Mr. O'Donnell moved to adopt the resolution for Item G; Mr. Schafer seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

Mr. Bertone moved to adopt the resolution for Item H; Mr. O'Donnell seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

I. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION: (1) AUTHORIZING A GRANT AMENDMENT TO THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FOR THE DUCK FARM ACQUISITION PROJECT (RMC3255); AND (2) RECOMMENDING THAT THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY APPROVE ACQUISITION OF A TAX DEFAULT PARCEL LOCATED IN THE DUCK FARM PROJECT (APN 8110-029-002) IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, DISTRICT 1; AND (3) RECOMMENDING THAT THE WCA PREPARE SEALED BIDS AND CONDUCT ALL ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE SALE; AND (4) APPROVING SUCH FY 07/08 BUDGET AMENDMENTS THAT MAY BE NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THIS ACTION.

The Executive Officer gave a summary and description of the property, and referred the Board to the map on page 255 of the Board report.

There was a brief discussion regarding the bidding process and appraisals.

Mr. O'Donnell moved to adopt the resolution; Mr. Schafer seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

Items J and K were heard before Items A – I and Items L - M.

J. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION: (1) AUTHORIZING A GRANT TO THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FOR THE WALNUT CREEK HABITAT & OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION PROJECT (RMC3522); AND (2) RECOMMENDING THAT THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS FOR ACQUISITION OF ASSESSOR'S

PARCEL NUMBERS 8365-016-006 AND 8426-021-021 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, DISTRICT 5; AND (3) RECOMMEND THAT THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY ENTER SUCH CONTRACTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO COMPLETE DUE DILIGENCE ON THE PROPOSED PROPERTY.

The Executive Officer gave a brief summary and update of the project, and a map and description of the area was presented. It was noted that this recommendation falls under the urgency criteria that was adopted by the Board as the current owner wants to develop this property with a residential developer whose access would be a bridge built through the walnut woodland habitat and the owner of the Vista Verde parcels has requested a 60 day escrow.

Mr. Cadena left at approximately 3:48pm.

Mr. Bertone moved to adopt the resolution; Mr. O'Donnell seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

Mr. Cadena returned at approximately 3:49pm.

K. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT TO THE CITY OF SAN DIMAS FOR THE WALNUT CREEK HABITAT & OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION PROJECT (RMC3522).

The Executive Officer gave a brief description and summary, and explained how the circumstances meet the urgency criteria adopted by the Board.

Mr. O'Donnell moved to adopt the resolution; Ms. Smith seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

Mr. Bertone left at approximately 3:53pm and returned at approximately 3:54pm.

L. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT TO THE LOS ANGELES AND SAN GABRIEL RIVERS WATERSHED COUNCIL (WATERSHED COUNCIL) FOR THE UPPER SAN GABRIEL AND RIO HONDO WATERSHED PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR SUCH PURPOSES WITH THE WATERSHED COUNCIL AND THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS. (RMC3641).

The Executive Officer gave a brief summary and referred the Board to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which included specific details of the responsibilities of each entity. The MOU was included in the Board report as an addendum. The Executive Officer pointed out that the RMC would assume certain tasks regarding the supervision of the Watershed Coordinator; but that the Watershed Council would serve as the employer entity.

Mr. O'Donnell moved to adopt the resolution; Ms. Smith seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

M. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT TO THE LOS CERRITOS WETLANDS AUTHORITY FOR THE HELLMAN ACQUISITION RELATED EXPENDITURES, CITY OF SEAL BEACH (RMC3386).

The Executive Officer presented a map that was included in the Board report on page 304, and gave a detailed description of the property. It was noted that the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority is currently in negotiations with the property owner to finalize the purchase and sale agreement, and that the grant would cover acquisition expenditures such as the closing costs for escrow, title report, surveys and appraisals.

Mr. O'Donnell moved to adopt the resolution; Mr. Grose seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

10. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY. N/A

The item was deferred until the next Board meeting.

11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

There was a brief discussion regarding the LCWA project moving forward, the "Children's Bill of Rights" and the tour of the Dominguez Gap Wetlands.

12. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Board meeting will be held on September 22, 2008, at 3:30pm in the City of Rosemead.

13. ADJOURNMENT UPON COMPLETION OF BUSINESS

The meeting was adjourned by Acting Chair Colonna at approximately 4:35pm.

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC)
City of Rosemead
September 22, 2008**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was held at the Garvey Center, City of Rosemead, 9108 Garvey Avenue, and was called to order at 3:40pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair Dan Arrighi
Mr. Frank Colonna, Vice Chair
Ms. Sharon Martinez
Mr. Denis Bertone
Mr. Dean Grose
Mr. Edward Wilson

Mr. Dean Efstathiou
Ms. Teresa Villegas (for Sup. Gloria Molina)
Mr. Daniel Sulzer (for Colonel Magness)
Mr. Stan Chen (for Mr. Stetson)
Ms. Debbie Smith (for Ms. Adams)
Ms. Jody Noiron (for Mr. Weingardt)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Patrick O'Donnell
Mr. Michael Genest
Mr. David De Jesus

Mr. Dave Means (for Mr. Donnelly)
Mary Anne Skorpanich (for Mr. Speegle)
Mr. Ron Schafer (for Ms. Coleman)

STAFF PRESENT

Belinda Faustinos, Executive Officer
Valerie Thompson, Executive Secretary
Terry Fujimoto, Deputy Attorney General

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Mizumoto, resident of the City of Claremont, noted that the RMC Board minutes from July 28, 2008, did not reflect his name in the public comments and requested that the minutes be amended.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Corrections to the minutes will be made and the minutes will be added to the next Board meeting agenda for approval.

4. CHAIR'S REPORT

No report was given.

5. DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

No report was given.

6. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS

A. Legislation and Initiatives

The Executive Officer noted that the State of California may have a budget by tomorrow, 9/23/08, and that many of the bills that have been passed by legislature are now awaiting the Governor's signature. It was noted that there was no success on reaching an agreement on a proposed water bond for the November ballot and that there may be an attempt to get a water bond on the March 2009 ballot.

B. Budget Expenditure & Status Report

The Executive Officer explained that, due to the high volume of reports that needed to be completed for this Board meeting report, staff was unable to include a budget report at this time; however, it would be included in the next meeting Board report.

C. Project and Liaison Activities

The Executive Officer reported on the South Gate project and noted that the project has been completed, and that there was a grand opening ceremony at Lynwood Meadows.

7. REVIEW AND STATUS DISCUSSION OF APPROVED GRANT PROJECTS.

A. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR H.R. 5887, THE SOLEDAD CANYON MINE ACT.

There was no discussion.

B. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FY 08/09 BUDGET AMENDMENT RELATED TO INCREASED TENANT REVENUE AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.

There was no discussion.

C. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZE A GRANT TO THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF SUPPORT RELATED TO PROPERTY OPERATIONS.

There was no discussion.

D. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF LONG BEACH FOR THE EL DORADO NATURE CENTER RENEWAL PROJECT (RMC 3263).

There was no discussion.

E. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE IN ALLOCATION OF FUNDING FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS: A) SOUTH GATE RIPARIAN HABITAT RESTORATION (RMC3237); B) COLORADO LAGOON RESTORATION (RMC3554) AND C) SANTA FE SPRINGS PARK IMPROVEMENTS AND DEVELOPMENT OF NATURE SANCTUARY (RMC3595).

There was no discussion.

F. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT FOR LEGISLATIVE AND FUNDING ADVOCACY.

There was no discussion.

Mr. Colonna moved to adopt the resolutions for Items 7A through 7F; Mr. Bertone seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

8. RMC CONSENT CALENDAR

A. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING GRANT PROGRAM TIER 1 RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Executive Officer gave a background summary on the history of the grant program, including all of the procedural approvals to adopt the grant guidelines to update grant evaluation criteria, public workshops, application process, and the Tier 1 and Tier 2 criteria evaluation process. The Board was informed that staff has determined a preferred recommendation for funding. There was discussion regarding the Mountains, Hills and Foothills program. A list of Tier 1 applications recommended for full or partial funding was submitted in the Board report. The Executive Officer mentioned that staff has received many appeal letters regarding the ranking of some projects, which were provided in the Board report, and staff has come to the conclusion that it is in the best interest to move forward and consider those specific projects in the Mountains, Hills and Foothills Program that are not recommended for funding within the Tier 2 recommendations as stated in the staff report.

There was discussion regarding Wildlife Conservation Board funding sources and matching fund opportunities.

There were many public comments which included the following speakers:

Tina Doeve and Arthur Vasquez spoke on behalf of the Vasquez Family in support of the Vasquez Land Acquisition project.

Diane Chagnon, former Mayor of the City of Azusa, spoke in support of the Vasquez Land Acquisition project and submitted a letter to the Board for the record.

Barbara Sanders read two letters for the record. One from Scott Ochoa, City Manager, City of Monrovia and the other from Chris Jeffers, City Manager, City of Glendora; both in support of the Vasquez Land Acquisition project.

Jackie Jordon read two letters for the record. One from Ltanga Watson, District Ranger for the Department of Agriculture and the other from Ed Knapp; both in support of the Vasquez Land Acquisition project.

Dr. Ann Croissant, SGMRC, spoke in support of the Vasquez Land Acquisition project.

Ryan Lenox, Riverside Land Conservancy, spoke on behalf of Paul Edelman, MRCA, requesting matching funds to complete acquisition.

Ludd A. Trozpek, spoke in opposition to raising the Thompson Creek Spreading Ground project.

Tim Ferguson spoke in support of the completion of the Bluebird Ranch Acquisition.

Dr. Ann Croissant, Glendora Community Conservancy, spoke in support of the Bluebird Ranch Preserve Phase III project.

There was discussion regarding the urgency criteria and easement concerns.

Miranda Cole, City of Bellflower, spoke in support of the development of Palm Street Linear Park.

Pascaline Derrick, Trust for Public Lands, spoke in support of the Pine Avenue Park project.

Marilee Scaff and Freeman Allen, League of Women Voter's – Claremont, spoke in support of the Thompson Creek project.

Ellen Taylor, Mayor, City of Claremont, spoke in support of the Thompson Creek project.

Ron Kenny, City of So.El Monte, spoke in support of the Mary Van Dyke Park project.

Veronica Dolleschel, City of El Monte, spoke in support of the Gibson Park project and the Krans Intermediate School project.

There was a brief discussion regarding Exhibit C in the Board report for Tier 1 funding for partial funding recommendations, specifically the Thompson Creek project and the Padua Park project, and Exhibit D in the Board Report for projects that should be deferred to Tier 2, specifically the Vasquez Land Acquisition project including the timeline for the transfer of property and matching funds from other sources, asking price and property value, urgency criteria, and the Bluebird Ranch project.

There was further discussion to clarify what action staff was requesting of the Board and the scoring process.

Mr. Wilson moved to adopt the resolution; Mr. Gross seconded the motion for discussion purposes.

There was additional discussion regarding the Board's direction to staff.

Mr. Wilson moved to withdraw the motion; Mr. Bertone seconded.

Mr. Bertone moved to direct staff to re-evaluate the project in a timely manner and re-address the Board; Mr. Bertone rescinded the motion.

There was discussion regarding the Mary Van Dyke Nature Trail, and it was noted that it is being deferred to Tier 2 because it is not new park land and therefore did not qualify for Tier 1.

Mr. Efstathiou left at approximately 5:13pm.

The Executive Officer referred Board members to Exhibit E of the staff report on page 189 and briefly discussed the Bluebird project. The Board was also referred to page 115 of the Board report and there was a discussion regarding the "next steps" to incorporating the findings of reconsidering any urgency issues.

Mr. Bertone moved to adopt the resolution; Mr. Colonna seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

B. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT TO THE CITY OF CLAREMONT FOR THE PADUA PARK PROJECT (RMC 08101).

The Executive Officer gave a brief update regarding issues and concerns in respect to the Padua Park project and noted that the project meets the criteria and that staff has worked with the City to develop a budget and scope of work which is consistent with the objectives of the RMC. It was also noted that there were concerns regarding the Alluvial Fan Sage Scrub area, as it is a very important habitat area, and that staff realizes that it needs to be addressed with regard to preservation and that the City has agreed to match funding that the RMC is recommending to be provided under this grant to study the area and to identify restoration or enhancement opportunities. A brief description and a map of the area was presented.

Mr. Colonna moved to adopt the resolution; Mr. Bertone seconded the motion.

Ms. Martinez left at approximately 5:24pm and returned at approximately 5:27pm.

Larry Woodruff, Ludd Trozpek, Deanne Dulyen and Gary Mizumoto spoke strongly in opposition of the project being awarded funding. Their primary concerns were regarding the Riversidean Alluvial Fan Sage Scrub, excessive use of water and the increase in population, traffic, recreational activity and noise.

Mr. Bertone moved to adopt the resolution; Mr. Colonna seconded the motion. Mr. Grose opposed the motion. Passed.

- C. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION 1) AUTHORIZING A GRANT AMENDMENT TO THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY (WCA) FOR THE WALNUT CREEK HABITAT & OPEN SPACE PROJECT (RMC3522), 2) RECOMMENDING THAT THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY ACQUIRE THE VISTA VERDE PROPERTY AND SELL APPROXIMATELY 6.5 ACRES TO THE CITY OF SAN DIMAS FOR PARK AND OPEN SPACE PURPOSES, AND 3) AUTHORIZING SUCH F/Y 2008/2009 BUDGET AMENDMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY.**

The Executive Officer gave a background summary and description of the project. It was noted that the City of San Dimas will be providing \$1million for 6.5 acres of the property.

Mr. Wilson moved to adopt the resolution; Mr. Colonna seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

- D. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE REVISED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) FOR THE GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN (IRWMP), AND FURTHER RECOMMEND ADOPTION BY THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY.**

The Executive Officer gave a brief background summary. It was noted that the RMC's Director of Water Policy is now on the leadership committee.

Mr. Colonna moved to adopt the resolution; Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. Unanimously passed.

- E. ELECTION OF MEMBER TO THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY.**

The item was deferred.

9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

No comments were forthcoming.

10. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be held on October 29, 2008, in the City of Paramount.

11. ADJOURNMENT UPON COMPLETION OF BUSINESS

The meeting was adjourned by Acting Chair Colonna at approximately 5:51 p.m.

DATE: **October 29, 2008**

TO: **RMC Governing Board**

FROM: **Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer**

SUBJECT: **Item 6A: Executive Officer's Report- Legislation and Initiatives**

For full text and history of bills and initiatives, please visit these web sites:

Federal Bills	http://thomas.loc.gov
State Bills	http://www.leginfo.ca.gov
Initiative Measures	http://www.caag.state.ca.us/initiatives/activeindex.htm

Current as of October 23, 2008.

Items new to the report, or changes to previous items are highlighted in bold.

Federal Legislation

1. H.R.889 – The Prevention of Aquatic Invasive Species Act of 2007 amends the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 to revise certain aquatic invasive species prevention requirements to, among other things: (1) apply them to certain U.S. vessels and to certain foreign vessels (or a structure being towed by a vessel) that are en route to, or have departed from, a U.S. port; and (2) establish ballast water exchange and treatment and sediment management standards for vessels of the armed forces. Last Major Action: 2/7/2007 Referred to House Natural Resources, 2/15/2007 Referred to the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Oceans.
2. H.R.1067 – Solis: Healthy Places Act of 2007 - Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish an interagency working group to discuss environmental health concerns, particularly concerns disproportionately affecting disadvantaged populations. Requires the Secretary, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), to establish a program at the National Center of Environmental Health at CDC focused on advancing the field of health impact assessment. Requires the Director to develop guidance for the assessment of potential health effects of land use, housing, and transportation policy and plans. Last major action: 6/5/2007 Referred to House subcommittee.
3. H.R.1103 – Solis: Environmental Justice Act of 2007. This legislation requires the implementation of the Clinton Executive Order on environmental justice, and strengthens federal efforts to address environmental justice problems. It also requires agencies to implement environmental justice recommendations from the Government Accountability Office and EPA's Inspector General. Last Major Action: 10/4/2007 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.
4. H.R.1747 – Solis: The Safe Drinking Water for Healthy Communities Act of 2007. This bill would amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to require a national primary drinking water regulation for perchlorate. Last major action: 11/08/07 Subcommittee consideration and mark-up session held; Forwarded by subcommittee to full committee by voice vote.

5. H.R.2548 – Solis: To amend the Clean Air Act to reduce air pollution from marine vessels. Last major action: 5/24/2007 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
6. H.R.5132 – Solis: Environmental Justice Renewal Act. This legislation requires federal agencies to implement plans to identify and then reduce or eliminate environmental justice threats, and to expand their efforts to gather information about environmental justice problems and help develop solutions to such serious issues. Last Major Action: 1/23/2008 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials.
7. H.R.5887 – McKeon: Soledad Canyon Mine Act. This act would cancel current and prohibit future mining in the Soledad Canyon. Last Major Action: 4/28/08 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
8. H.R.6156 – McKeon: Eastern Sierra and Northern San Gabriel Wild Heritage Act (Introduced in House). This bill designates several Wilderness areas in the State of California, including the Magic Mountain Wilderness area, comprising approximately 13,709 acres of the Angeles Forest. In addition to the wilderness designations, the federal lawmakers have included specific protections, which will enable the Secretary of Agriculture or Secretary of Interior to take appropriate action for fire management within these wilderness areas to “ensure that authorized approval procedures for any fire management activities allow for a timely and efficient response to fire emergencies in the wilderness areas.” Essentially, the responsible Secretary is to review fire management activities for each area and determine if current procedures, falling under federal jurisdiction with bill passage, provide the necessary means for fire mitigation in the event it is needed. Last Major Action: **9/11/2008 Subcommittee hearings held.**
9. S.24 – Boxer: A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to require a health advisory and monitoring of drinking water for perchlorate. Last major action: **9/24/2008 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 1054.**
10. S.150 – Boxer: The Protecting Pregnant Women and Children From Perchlorate Act of 2007 would amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to protect the health of pregnant women, fetuses, infants, and children by requiring a health advisory and drinking water standard for perchlorate. Last major action: **9/24/2008 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 1055.**
11. S.642 – Durbin: Environmental Justice Act of 2007. This legislation requires the implementation of the Clinton Executive Order on environmental justice, and strengthens federal efforts to address environmental justice problems. It also requires agencies to implement environmental justice recommendations from the Government Accountability Office and EPA's Inspector General. Last Major Action: **9/24/2008 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 1056.**
12. S.1053 – Feinstein: A bill to provide for a resource study of the area known as the Rim of the Valley Corridor in the State of California to evaluate alternatives for protecting

resources of the corridor, and for other purposes. Last major action: 3/29/07 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

13. S.1054 – Feinstein: A bill to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Inland Empire regional recycling project and in the Cucamonga Valley Water District recycling project. Last Major Action: 8/1/07: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearingseld.
14. S.1297 – Boxer: A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to promote the use of advanced clean fuels that help reduce air and water pollution and protect the environment. Last major action: 5/3/2007 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
15. S.1499 – Boxer: Marine Vessel Emissions Reduction Act of 2008. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce air pollution from marine vessels. Last Major Action: 7/10/2008 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 870.
16. S.2549 – Clinton: Environmental Justice Renewal Act. A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish an Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice to provide guidance to Federal agencies on the development of criteria for identifying disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority populations and low-income populations, and for other purposes. Last Major Action: 6/5/2007 Committee on Environment and Public Works. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
17. S.3069 – Boxer: Eastern Sierra and Northern San Gabriel Wild Heritage Act (Introduced in Senate). This bill designates several Wilderness areas in the State of California, including the Magic Mountain Wilderness area, comprising approximately 13,709 acres of the Angeles Forest. In addition to the wilderness designations, the federal lawmakers have included specific protections, which will enable the Secretary of Agriculture or Secretary of Interior to take appropriate action for fire management within these wilderness areas to “ensure that authorized approval procedures for any fire management activities allow for a timely and efficient response to fire emergencies in the wilderness areas.” Essentially, the responsible Secretary is to review fire management activities for each area and determine if current procedures, falling under federal jurisdiction with bill passage, provide the necessary means for fire mitigation in the event it is needed. Last Major Action: **9/16/2008 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 998.**
18. S.RES.125 – Feinstein: A resolution designating May 18, 2007, as "Endangered Species Day", and encouraging the people of the United States to become educated about, and aware of, threats to species, success stories in species recovery, and the opportunity to promote species conservation worldwide. Last Major Action: 5/1/07 Resolution agreed to in Senate without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent.

State Legislation

AB31 – De Leon: Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Act of 2008. Existing law establishes the Urban Park Act of 2006, which requires the Department of Parks and Recreation to establish a local assistance program to offer

grants, on a competitive basis, to various local entities and nonprofit organizations, as defined, for the acquisition or development, or both, of urban parks and recreational areas and facilities. Existing law authorizes heavily urbanized counties to apply for these grants. This bill would change the name of the act to the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Act of 2008. A city, regional park district, district, joint powers authority, or county, in addition to specified nonprofit organizations, would be authorized to apply for local assistance program grants. The department would be required to encourage joint partnerships between agencies to enhance investment of public resources. The term "critically underserved community" would replace the term "heavily urbanized county" for purposes of the act and would be defined to include a community with less than 3 acres of usable parkland per 1,000 residents or a disadvantaged community, as defined, that can demonstrate to the Department of Parks and Recreation that the community has insufficient or no park space and recreation facilities. The bill would revise the criteria for awarding grants and revise and create new limitations on grantee allocation of funds, including repealing a grantee's existing authority to use grant funds to pay costs associated with remediating toxic materials or hazardous substances. The bill would require the department, on or before April 1, 2009, to adopt guidelines to amplify or clarify the grant criteria or develop a procedural guide for the administration of the act and the guidance of applicants. The department would be required to offer technical assistance to all applicants and potential applicants for grant preparation to encourage full participation in the grant program. The bill would delete the requirement for an annual report and would instead require the department to make certain information available on the department's Internet Web site 5 business days after awarding a grant. Last Major Action: 9/30/08 Approved by the Governor.

AB564 – Brownley: Existing law, the Los Angeles County Flood Control Act, establishes the Los Angeles County Flood Control District and authorizes the district to control and conserve the flood, storm, and other wastewater of the district. The act declares the district to be a body corporate and politic, and to have various powers, including the power to cause taxes to be levied and collected for the purpose of paying any obligation of the district. This bill would authorize the district to impose a fee or charge in compliance with Article XIII D of the California Constitution, to pay the costs and expenses of the district, and to carry out the objects or purposes of the act. The bill would require that any fees imposed be levied and collected together with taxes for county purposes, and the revenues paid into the county treasury to the credit of the district. Last Major Action: 8/5/08 To inactive file on motion of Senator Lewenthal.

19. AB1602 – Nunez: Environment: Sustainable Communities and Urban Greening Program. This bill appropriates funding from the Prop 84 urban greening program to establish the Sustainable Communities and Urban Greening Program in the Resources Agency. The program offers grants to local public agencies and nonprofit organizations for the purpose of improving the sustainability and livability of communities through the development of green infrastructure that provides multiple benefits. Last Major Action: 6/5/07 Read third time, passed, and to Senate. 6/14/07 Referred to Committee on Environmental Quality.
20. AB 2045 – De La Torre. California Urban Forestry Act of 1978. Existing law, the California Urban Forestry Act of 1978, authorizes the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to implement a program in urban forestry. This bill would expand the scope of the program to, among other things, include increasing integrated, multibenefit projects by assisting urban areas with innovative solutions to problems including greenhouse gas

emissions, public health impacts of poor air and water quality, urban heat island effect, stormwater management, water shortages, lack of green space, and lack of urban parks accessible to pedestrians. Last Major Action: **9/27/08 Approved by the Governor.**

21. AB2501 – Wolk: Water resources. This bill, with regard to those bond funds, would appropriate \$294,760,000 as follows: of the funds made available pursuant to the Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006, \$54,000,000 to the Department of Water Resources for essential emergency preparedness supplies and projects; of the funds made available pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006, \$40,000,000 to the department for planning grants and local groundwater assistance grants, \$60,000,000 to the department to increase the department's ability to respond to levee breaches and to reduce the potential for levee failure, \$100,000,000 to the department for the acquisition, preservation, protection, and restoration of Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta resources, \$12,000,000 to the department to complete planning and feasibility studies associated with new surface storage under the California Bay-Delta Program, \$15,000,000 to the department for planning and feasibility studies to identify potential options for the reoperation of the state's flood protection and water supply systems, and \$10,000,000 to the department for planning and feasibility studies to implement the Delta Vision; and of the funds made available under the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002, \$3,760,000 to the department for planning and feasibility studies associated with surface storage under the California Bay-Delta Program. Last Major Action: 6/18/08 From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Committee on Natural Resources & Wildlife. 6/24/08 In committee: Set first hearing. Failed passage. Reconsideration granted.
22. AB2687 – Krekorian: Parks and nature education facilities. The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006, an initiative statute adopted by the voters at the November 7, 2006, statewide general election, among other things, makes \$100,000,000 in bond funds available to the Department of Parks and Recreation (department) for grants for nature education and research facilities and equipment to nonprofit organizations and public institutions. The grant money would be required to be encumbered and expended within a certain timeframe. Individual grants would be required to be less than or equal to \$7,000,000, and a recipient would be limited to receiving one grant in a given grant cycle. After all the grant money has been awarded the department would be required to report, by January 15 and yearly thereafter, to the Legislature with regard to certain aspects of the program. Last Major Action: 8/30/08 Re-referred to Committee on Rules.
23. AB 2923 – Evans: State lands: wilderness areas. The California Wilderness Act establishes a California wilderness preservation system composed of state-owned areas designated by the Legislature as wilderness areas and units of the state park system classified as state wildernesses by the State Park and Recreation Commission. The act requires the Secretary of the Resources Agency to review specified state-owned roadless areas under his or her jurisdiction as of January 1, 1975, and to report to the Legislature his or her recommendations as to the suitability or unsuitability of each area for preservation as state wilderness. This bill would instead require the secretary to review state-owned roadless areas under his or her jurisdiction as of January 1, 2009, and would require that the State Lands Commission review specified state-owned roadless surface areas under its jurisdiction that it holds as trustee of the School Land

Bank Fund as of January 1, 2009, and report to the Legislature its recommendations as to the suitability or unsuitability of those areas for preservation as wilderness areas. The bill would require the secretary and the State Lands Commission to prioritize reviews and reports as to the suitability or unsuitability of specified areas for preservation as wilderness. Last Major Action: **9/27/08 Vetoed by the Governor.**

24. ABX2 8 – Huffman: Safe, Clean, Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2008. This bill would enact the Safe, Clean, Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2008 which, if approved by the voters, would authorize, for the purposes of financing specified water supply reliability and water source protection programs, the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$9,805,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law. The bill would provide for submission of the bond act to the voters at the November 4, 2008, statewide general election. This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute. Last Major Action: 8/22/08 From printer. Referred to Committee on Water.
25. ABX2 9 – Plescia: Safe, Clean, Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2008. This bill would enact the Safe, Clean, Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2008 which, if approved by the voters, would authorize, for the purposes of financing specified water supply reliability and water source protection programs, the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$9,980,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law. The bill would provide for submission of the bond act to the voters at the November 4, 2008, statewide general election. This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute. Last Major Action: 8/25/08 Read first time. To print.
26. SB167 – Negrete McLeod: Local Land Use Planning. This bill establishes a program at OPR for administration of Prop 84 land use incentive funds. OPR would establish guidelines and make grants for amending local general plans. Cities must agree to approved project "by right" to be eligible for grants. Last Major Action: 2/4/08 Returned to Secretary of Senate pursuant to Joint Rule 56.
27. SB917 – Migden: Watershed Conservation Protection Program. This bill state intent to impose a fee on the bottling of water to fund watershed protection. Last Major Action: 2/4/08 Returned to Secretary of Senate pursuant to Joint Rule 56.
28. SB931 – Ridley-Thomas: Parks and nature education facilities. This bill establishes a program at DPR to administer museum and nature center programs from Prop 84. Last Major Action: 2/4/08 Returned to Secretary of Senate pursuant to Joint Rule 56.
29. SB1285 – Corbett. Resource conservation lands: acquisition. Existing law authorizes various agencies to acquire land for purposes related to conservation. Existing law requires an acquisition agency, as defined, prior to approving the acquisition of conservation land, as defined, where an agency proposes to spend more than \$25,000,000 of state funds, to contract for at least one independent appraisal of the fair market value of the land. Existing law defines "acquisition agency" as the Wildlife Conservation Board or the State Coastal Conservancy. This bill would instead define "acquisition agency" as the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Wildlife Conservation Board, or a state conservancy. Last Major Action: **9/30/2008 Approved by the Governor.**

30. SB1431 – Wiggins: Department of Parks and Recreation: easement grants. This bill would authorize the Department of Parks and Recreation to acquire conservation easements to protect the natural resources of the state parks system, and to make grants to state government, local government, and land trusts to do the same. Last Major Action: 7/17/08 Approved by Governor.
31. SB2175 – Laird: Water conservation. This bill would require the state to achieve a 20% reduction in urban per capita water use in California by December 31, 2020. The bill would require the state to reduce per capita use by at least 10% on or before December 31, 2015. By December 31, 2020, each urban retail water supplier would be required to achieve a minimum reduction from the base daily per capita water use, as specified. The bill would also require each urban water supplier to achieve at least 50% of the targeted per capita reduction on or before December 31, 2015. The bill would require, by July 31, 2012, each agricultural water supplier to implement water use efficiency best management practices. The bill would require each agricultural water supplier to report to the department, by December 31, 2012, and thereafter in years ending in 0 and years ending in 5, on the best management practices. The bill would require the department to develop a methodology for quantifying the efficiency of onfarm agricultural water use and require the department, by December 31, 2010, to report to the Legislature on a proposed methodology and a plan for implementation. The bill would make related legislative findings and declarations and statements of legislative intent. Last Major Action: 8/30/08 Re-referred to Committee on Rules.
32. SB 2455 – Laird: State lands: resource land transactions. This bill would remove the State Public Works Board as the entity designated to acquire property for the Department of Parks and Recreation, and instead create the State Parks Preservation Board ("board"), and would require the board to review the department's recommendations, subject to authorization by the board, would authorize the department to acquire real property or rights in real property, subject to certain additional requirements. The bill also would make legislative findings and declarations related to land acquisition processes. Last Major Action: **9/30/08 Approved by the Governor.**
33. SB2785 – Ruskin: Wildlife Conservation. Existing law requires the Department of Fish and Game to administer the Significant Natural Areas Program, and requires the department, among other things, to identify and seek the maintenance of significant natural areas, as defined, and to maintain, expand, and keep current a data management system, designated the California Natural Diversity Data Base. This bill would revise the program to require the department, contingent upon funding being provided by the board from moneys made available by the bond act for the protection and conservation of forests and wildlife, or from other appropriate bond funds, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to investigate, study, and identify those areas in the state that are most essential as wildlife corridors and habitat linkages and prioritize vegetative data development in those areas. The bill would require the department to actively pursue grants and cost sharing opportunities with local, state, or federal agencies, or private entities that use the data sets and benefit from their creation and maintenance. Last Major Action: 9/26/08 Approved by the Governor.
34. SBX2 1 – Perata: Water quality, flood control, water storage, and wildlife preservation. The Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Act of 2002 authorizes a regional water management group, as defined, to prepare and adopt a regional water plan meeting specified requirements. This bill would repeal these provisions of law and

enact the Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Act. Regional water management groups, as defined, would be authorized to prepare and adopt integrated regional water management plans meeting specified requirements. The Department of Water Resources would be required to develop project solicitation and evaluation guidelines for a specified funding source. Last Major Action: **9/30/08 Approved by the Governor.**

35. SBX2 2 – Perata: (Senate Bill Number 1, 2nd Extraordinary Session) Water Quality, flood control, water storage, and wildlife preservation. Please see Exhibit A for the text of this bill. Last Major Action: 10/9/07 (from Committee on Natural Resources and Wildlife) Do pass, but first be re-referred to Committee on Appropriations.

Initiative Measures

36. February 6, 2008 Initiative No. 08-0003 BONDS. WATER STORAGE, RELIABILITY, PROTECTION. DRINKING WATER. STATUTE. Authorizes \$11,690,000,000 in bonds paid from state's General Fund, allocated approximately as follows: 30% to dams and other surface and groundwater storage for the state water system and the Sacramento-San Joaquin delta ("delta") or its tributaries; 23% to statewide water supply reliability projects; 21% to delta sustainability and ecosystem improvements; 14% to groundwater protection and water quality projects; 11% to statewide conservation and pollution cleanup including ecosystem and urban watershed protection; and 2% to water recycling. Creates commission with the power to finance projects, including delta water conveyance. Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local government: State cost of about \$22.8 billion over 30 years to pay off both the principal (\$11.7 billion) and interest (\$11.1 billion) costs on general obligation bonds authorized by the initiative. Payments of about \$760 million per year. Unknown eventual costs, potentially in the hundreds of millions of dollars per year, to state and local governments to operate or maintain projects developed with these bond funds. Status: **Failed to qualify July 23, 2008.**

DATE: October 29, 2008

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 6B: Executive Officer's Report- Budget Expenditure & Status Report

BACKGROUND: Please refer to the attached reports on expenditures and encumbrances for Operations and Support and Capital Outlay Programs. There are no significant issues to report.

Capital Outlay

Proposition 40, 50 and 84 Reports: These reports are generated to provide a status of Proposition Capital Outlay funding. The reports provide a comparison of the total allocated funds of previous board actions against Proposition Capital Outlay funding allocations. For a detailed report on each approved grant and associated funding level, please see Item 8D.

Support & Operations

Fiscal Year 2007/08 Support Expenditures Report: The "Fiscal Year Support Expenditures" report assists the RMC in tracking allocated income and expenditures for the fiscal year. The revenue section of the report delineates the four fund sources for operations, the Environmental License Plate Fund, Propositions 40, 50 and 84.

The appropriated operating budget for the RMC is shown in the far left column. The expense section displays and tracks the administrative and operation expenses for the RMC. This section is separated into two (2) sections: Personnel Services and Operating Expenses/Equipment. The information is further detailed to track monthly and cumulative expenditures, encumbrances and the balances.

Fiscal Year 2008/09 Support Expenditures Report: A preliminary budget report is given. The backlog of purchases accumulated from the delay in the State's budget is still being cleared out.

PROPOSITON 40 CAPITAL OUTLAY FUNDING SUMMARY AS OF 10/23/2008

Funding Allocation	
FY 02/03	\$5,330,000
FY 03/04	\$12,400,000
FY 04/05	\$6,200,000
FY 05/06	\$12,670,000
TOTAL	\$36,600,000
Approved Projects (Encumbered)	\$35,623,503
Approved Projects (Not Yet Encumbered)	\$0
Unallocated Funds	\$ 976,497

PROPOSITON 50 CAPITAL OUTLAY FUNDING SUMMARY AS OF 10/23/2008

Funding Allocation	
FY 03/04	\$4,500,000
FY 04/05	\$6,200,000
FY 05/06	\$4,500,000
FY 06/07	\$2,800,000
TOTAL	\$18,000,000
Approved Projects (Encumbered)	\$12,325,787
Approved Projects (Not Yet Encumbered)	\$0
Unallocated Funds	\$5,674,213

PROPOSITON 84 CAPITAL OUTLAY FUNDING SUMMARY AS OF 10/23/2008

Funding Allocation	
FY 07/08	\$25,000,000
Future funding	\$26,000,000
TOTAL	\$51,000,000
Approved Projects (Encumbered)	\$17,022,340
Approved Projects (Not Yet Encumbered)	\$11,950,395
Unallocated Funds	\$22,027,265

RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY		
Support Budget Report, 2007/08 Fiscal Year		

REVENUE		
ITEM	BUDGET	FUND #
<i>ENVIRONMENTAL LICENSE PLATES</i>	324,384.00	01400
<i>PROPOSITION 40</i>	175,838.00	60290
<i>PROPOSITION 50</i>	153,326.00	60310
<i>PROPOSITION 84</i>	534,257.00	60510
TOTAL REVENUE		1,187,805.00

EXPENSES				
ITEM	BUDGET	TOTAL EXPENDITURES TO DATE	ENCUMBRANCE	AVAILABLE BALANCE
PERSONNEL SERVICES				
State Employees & RMC Board	562,953.00	\$154,844.79	408,108.21	-
PERSONNEL SERVICES (as of 11/30/06)	\$ 562,953.00	\$ 154,844.79	\$ 408,108.21	\$ -
OPERATING EXPENSE & EQUIPMENT				
General Expense				
Miscellaneous Office Expense	73,500.00	79,066.55		(5,566.55)
Library Purch Subscriptions	15,000.00	12,316.17		2,683.83
Office Copier Expense	2,500.00	2,086.74		413.26
Office Copier Supplies	3,200.00	1,713.09		1,486.91
Mtg/Conf/Exh/Shows	9,000.00	9,224.00		(224.00)
Freight	7,000.00	6,528.82		471.18
General Expense Sub Total	\$ 110,200.00	\$ 110,935.37	0.00	\$ (735.37)
Communications				
Verizon (Conference calls)	750.00	1,653.34		(903.34)
AT&T/MCI (Landlines)	3,000.00	2,890.96		109.04
Verizon Wireless	11,000.00	11,503.28		(503.28)
CWO (Website Host)	2,000.00	1,524.51		475.49
MotoSat (Internet service)	2,700.00	\$2,308.57		391.43
Communications Sub Total	\$ 19,450.00	\$ 17,572.09	\$ -	\$ 1,877.91
Postage Meter Expenses	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 8,870.98		\$ (2,870.98)
Travel				
AMEX	2,000.00	1,880.80		119.20
Norwalk Travel	500.00	278.00		222.00
Voyager (Vehicle, GS-I/S)	5,000.00	4,124.52		875.48
Per Diem-I/S	-	-		-
Private Car-I/S	1,000.00	1,521.79		(521.79)
Rail, Bus, Taxi I/S	225.00	219.20		5.80
Mgmt/Trans Fee-I/S	130.00	-		130.00
Reimb Expense-Non-Taxable	604.00	-		604.00
Reimb Expense-Taxable	85.00	-		85.00
Travel Sub Total	\$ 9,544.00	\$ 8,024.31	\$ -	\$ 1,519.69
Pro Rata	\$ 45,495.00	\$ 38,808.00	\$ 6,687.00	\$ -
Facilities Operation	\$ 20,000.00	\$29,013.43	\$ -	(9,013.43)
Equipment	\$ 97,000.00	\$ 82,764.61	\$ 461.67	\$ 13,773.72
State Vehicle Service	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,462.07	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,537.93
Consultants Professional Service Internal				
Accounting - Interdept (CFS)	64,000.00	14,298.00	49,702.00	-
Human Resources	10,816.00	8,212.55	2,603.45	-
Department of Technology Services	3,000.00	923.02		2,076.98
HWDC-CalStar Cost	2,500.00	-		2,500.00
State Services		16,659.84		(16,659.84)
Consultants Professional Service Internal Sub Total	\$ 80,316.00	\$ 40,093.41	\$ 52,305.45	\$ (12,082.86)
Consultants Professional Service External				
ADM Consulting	3,600.00	3,600.00	-	\$ -
Altadena Conservancy	9,900.00	-	9,900.00	-
Chipman	7,000.00	6,982.57	17.43	-
Cooper Ecological Monitoring	9,500.00	1,942.72	7,557.28	-
CPI Interactive	8,615.00	8,615.00	-	-
CPS Human Resource Services	5,075.00	-	5,075.00	-
GreenInfo Network	7,560.00	4,888.32	2,671.68	-
Jones & Company	9,000.00	9,000.00	-	-
Los Angeles San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council	4,500.00	4,500.00	-	-
Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	60,959.00	67,558.25	(6,599.25)	-
MTV Environmental Consulting	5,025.00	5,025.00	-	-
PBSJ (EIP Assoc)	8,505.00	8,505.00	-	-
State Personnel Board Contract	77,000.00	44,526.50	32,473.50	-
The Comdyn Group	5,500.00	5,187.50	312.50	-
Tom Erickson	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	-
USC School of Architecture	5,000.00	1,000.00	4,000.00	-
Consultants Professional Service External Sub Total	\$ 231,739.00	\$ 176,330.86	\$ 55,408.14	\$ -
OPERATING EXPENSE & EQUIPMENT SUBTOTAL	\$ 624,744.00	\$ 515,875.13	\$ 114,862.26	\$ (5,993.39)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,187,697.00	\$ 670,719.92	\$ 522,970.47	\$ (5,993.39)

Fiscal Year 2008/2009

REVENUE				
ITEM	BUDGET	FUND #		
ENVIRONMENTAL LICENSE PLATES	348,000.00	01400		
PROPOSITION 40	178,000.00	60290		
PROPOSITION 50	154,000.00	60310		
PROPOSITION 84	540,000.00	60510		
TOTAL REVENUE	1,220,000.00			

EXPENSES					
ITEM	BUDGET	TOTAL EXPENDITURES TO DATE	ENCUMBRANCE	AVAILABLE BALANCE	
PERSONNEL SERVICES	570,000.00	0.00		570,000.00	
Operating Expenses and Equipment					
General Expense					
205 Dues and Memberships		0.00		0.00	
206 Miscellaneous Office Supplies	75,000.00	210.68		74,789.32	
207 Freight and Drayage	400.00	0.00		400.00	
213 Clerical and nonprofessional services	5,000.00	0.00		5,000.00	
215 Advertising	1,000.00	0.00		1,000.00	
217 Meetings, conferences, and exhibits	1,000.00	0.00		1,000.00	
223 Library purchases	12,000.00	0.00		12,000.00	
226 Minor equipment	5,000.00	948.80		4,051.20	
227 Office equipment rental, maint., & repair	3,000.00	0.00		3,000.00	
Printing					
244 Office copier expense (rental, maint.)	5,400.00	1,510.02		3,889.98	
245 Printed forms and stationary	500.00	0.00		500.00	
246 Office copier expense (rental, maint.)		0.00		0.00	
248 Printing - Not Otherwise Classified		0.00		0.00	
Communications					
252 Cell phones, PDAs, pagers	10,800.00	2,993.72		7,806.28	
253 Central communication		0.00		0.00	
255 Messenger services		0.00		0.00	
257 Telephone	3,000.00	244.51		2,755.49	
258 Communications -Not Otherwise Classified	1,500.00	243.00		1,257.00	
259 Maintenance	3,000.00	790.00		2,210.00	
Postage					
262 Postage, stamps, stamped envelopes, etc.	4,800.00	0.00		4,800.00	
263 Postage Meter (rent, repair, refills, supplies)	2,000.00	731.07		1,268.93	
Travel: In-State					
292 Per Diem	4,000.00	0.00		4,000.00	

EXPENSES					
	ITEM	BUDGET	TOTAL EXPENDITURES TO DATE	ENCUMBRANCE	AVAILABLE BALANCE
293	State Vehicle - General Services	5,220.00	912.48		4,307.52
294	Commercial Air Transportation	2,000.00	304.00		1,696.00
295	Other Transportation	300.00	0.00		300.00
296	Private Car	400.00	0.00		400.00
297	Rental Car	400.00	0.00		400.00
301	Taxi and Shuttle Service	300.00	0.00		300.00
308	Travel - Not Otherwise Classified	500.00	0.00		500.00
Training					
332	Tuition and Registration Fees	10,000.00	0.00		10,000.00
333	Training Films and Slides	2,000.00	0.00		2,000.00
Facilities Operation					
344	Janitorial Services	18,480.00	2,884.13		15,595.87
345	Security	3,672.00	306.00		3,366.00
346	Recurring Maintenance Services	4,000.00	0.00		4,000.00
352	Special Repairs	4,000.00	0.00		4,000.00
Utilities					
362	Electricity	9,000.00	740.56		8,259.44
365	Propane for heating	9,000.00	742.85		8,257.15
378	Utilities - Not Otherwise Classified	500.00	0.00		500.00
Professional Services					
382	Interdepartmental Professional Services	80,000.00	0.00		80,000.00
418	External Professional Services	240,000.00	0.00		240,000.00
Information Technology					
435	IT - Not Otherwise Classified	500.00	0.00		500.00
436	Supplies	1,000.00	0.00		1,000.00
445	Software	5,000.00	0.00		5,000.00
446	Hardware	10,000.00	0.00		10,000.00
448	Internet Service Provider	4,800.00	1,239.96		3,560.04
449	Electronic Waste and Disposal Fees	2,000.00	0.00		2,000.00
Central Administration Services					
438	Pro Rata	46,000.00	0.00		46,000.00
451	Equipment	30,000.00	0.00		30,000.00
OPERATIONS SUBTOTAL		626,472.00	14,801.78	0.00	611,670.22
TOTAL EXPENSES		1,196,472.00	14,801.78	0.00	1,181,670.22
REMAINING (not budgeted)		23,528.00			

DATE: **October 29, 2008**

TO: **RMC Governing Board**

FROM: **Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer**

SUBJECT: **Item 6C: Executive Officer's Report- Project and Liaison Activities**

San Gabriel River Discovery Center Authority (Authority): The Metropolitan Group (MG) is writing a final draft of the strategic plan, which will be confirmed before adoption by the Authority Board at its November meeting. The strategic plan is built around four main goals: Engagement, Inspiration, Collaboration, and Sustainability. The top objectives have been identified for each goal, and specific actions are being developed to provide a roadmap for a permanent executive officer when one is hired. In addition, MG is investigating the fundraising environment for the Discovery Center, to advise the Authority on the best prospects for foundation grants and large individual donors.

On October 1, Young Communications Group from Los Angeles began work on communication planning, branding and graphic design. This work, to be completed in several pieces over the next six months, will provide the Discovery Center with a clearer identity and communication avenues to reach its key audiences with its core message.

The environmental process continues. Project design and technical studies for the Discovery Center continue to be refined and improved as impacts are analyzed in the course of preparing the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). During our recent outreach efforts, many folks have asked about alternatives for aspects of the proposed project. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process requires analysis of a reasonable range of alternatives which meet the Project Objectives as part of the EIR. This information is being prepared as part of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR), for release during the Public Comment period. Staff continues to invite comment and input during the Public Comment period on the DEIR. It is anticipated the Public Comment period will occur before the end of 2008. We are taking contact information (must have a mailing address), so that we can provide notice to all interested of the Public Comment period, and how to access/obtain a copy of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR).

Staff continues to work with the County on the development of the lease, sub-lease and operating agreement for the Discovery Center project. The Authority Board will adopt these three items as part of their discretionary actions at the time the environmental document is adopted.

Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority (LCWA): Activities regarding acquisition of the Hellman 100 acres site in Seal Beach are continuing. LCWA accepted the RMC grant funds for pre-acquisition expenses associated with the Hellman Property and has hired Russell Reynolds to complete the appraisal. Additionally the boundary properties surveys were completed on October 17, 2008 to determine the extent of the encroachments by the residences. The Department of General Services is reviewing the Pollution Legal Liability to determine if the insurance policy is appropriate and provides the necessary coverage for unforeseen clean-up of pre-existing conditions and is also reviewing the Purchase and Sale Agreement.

Staff is working with the partner agencies to maintain the Phase I properties; additionally several public tours of the Phase I properties have been conducted through the Interim Stewardship

Plan. On September 27, 2008 the LCWA hosted the 3rd Annual Joy Zedler Marsh Clean-Up on the east Phase I parcel and removed several bags of trash.

The Phase I Habitat Maintenance Workplan, which was approved by the LCWA Board on May 2008 will begin Phase I in February 2009. Phase I will include eradication of weeds, removal of vegetative debris around oil lines and other utilities/facilities that may pose fire hazards; additionally, eradication of non-native weeds from ecologically sensitive areas. Phase II will include removal of weed infestations from non-sensitive areas that may spread into other areas and continued monitoring of weeds around utilities and ecologically sensitive areas.

LCWA approved a resolution for the Scope of Work for the Edison Parcel Feasibility Study to complete a feasibility analysis of the uses of the five-acre parcel for natural resource restoration purposes under the Los Cerritos Wetlands resource enhancement program. LCWA has received two proposals and is currently evaluating the proposals to determine to whom to award the feasibility study.

Los Angeles & San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council (Watershed Council): The Watershed Council's conference, "Building a Healthier San Gabriel River Watershed," was attended by about 250 people over two days. Many of the conference presentations are posted on the conference Web site at http://www.lasgrwc.org/conferences/2008_0916/index.html. In a cooperative effort with RMC and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, the Watershed Council has hired a San Gabriel/Rio Hondo watershed coordinator with grant funding from the California Department of Conservation. Katie Morris began work in late September and will interact with many cities and local agencies in pursuing an extensive three-year work plan.

Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan: Sub-regions of the Greater LA Region are updating proposed project information, much of which was first submitted two to three years ago. RMC staff has reviewed and updated projects submitted by the WCA in both the Upper San Gabriel-Rio Hondo and the Lower San Gabriel-Lower Los Angeles River sub-regions. In both of these sub-regions, workshops were conducted to confirm the "active" projects that remain in the database, and to explore the potential for more project integration.

National Park Service (NPS) San Gabriel River Watershed Special Resource Study (San Gabriel SRS): The NPS planning team has prepared five preliminary alternatives for the special resource study regarding a "significance statement." On July 14th NPS hosted a one-day agency workshop for the San Gabriel SRS to present alternatives and further develop management options and approaches for the San Gabriel Watershed and Mountains Special Resource Study. The stakeholders at the meeting concluded further refinement of the preliminary management options would be necessary. National Park Service will be revising the preliminary management options for review by stakeholders and further will be contacting stakeholders for an additional follow-up meeting to discuss these refined alternatives by this Fall before release of the refined preliminary management options alternatives to the public. The next steps for this special resource study are as follow: 1. The NPS will the refine the preliminary management options based on July 14th workshop discussions; 2. By this Fall the NPS will begin to contact stakeholder groups to schedule a follow-up meeting to discuss and review the refined preliminary management options; 3. After stakeholder review, a broader public review effort will begin. More information is available at <http://www.nps.gov/pwro/sangabriel>.

Upper Santa Clara River: Item 8A in the regular calendar for this meeting contains a recommendation for funding the acquisition of four parcels within the CAPP (Conservation Area

Protection Plan) for the upper Santa Clara River Watershed. Conservation efforts in the upper Santa Clara River Watershed continue. A plan for implementation of the Conceptual Area Protection Plan has been finalized. Discussions are ongoing between biodiversity working group partners, the City of Santa Clarita and the consultants working on the project regarding acquisition opportunities. The One Valley One Vision Plan (OVOV), a joint effort between the County of Los Angeles, the City of Santa Clarita and Valley residents and businesses to create a single vision and guidelines for the future growth of the Valley and the preservation of natural resources in the upper Santa Clara River Watershed will seek to create a green belt along the upper Santa Clara River to the east of the city. City residents recently approved an assessment district aimed at providing funds for preservation of a green belt as outlined in OVOV. The City hopes to leverage the assessment district funds to maximize the funds available for acquisitions. The City of Santa Clarita is currently working to secure enactment of H.R. 5887, the Soledad Canyon Mine Act that provides for a resolution that would transfer of mining rights, currently held by CEMEX, a mining company, to a location close to Victorville, California. H.R. 5887 creates a mechanism for the Secretary of the Interior to cancel the two contracts for sand and gravel mining that CEMEX presently has with the Bureau of Land Management.

The South Coast Wildlands Project (SCWP) received a grant from the Resources Legacy Foundation to provide start-up costs for a non-profit land trust in the upper watershed that will engage with the local communities of Agua Dulce and Acton and, in coordination with the biodiversity working group, will focus on and continue conservation efforts and partnerships in the upper Santa Clara River watershed. SCWP recently published a report highlighting the upper Santa Clara River watershed area as a significant wildlife linkage in the network of linkages for the South Coast Ecoregion. The report, South Coast Missing Linkages: A Wildland Network for the South Coast Ecoregion is available on line at <http://www.scwildlands.org>.

The Bureau of Land Management is conducting workshops in association with its revision of the South Coast Resource Management Plan (SCRMP). The RMC Board authorized a memorandum of understanding with BLM for RMC participation in the Plan revision. The BLM team continues work on the revision.

Green Visions: Phase I and Phase II are complete; Phase III is focused on developing water quality maps and a habitat analysis tools for evaluating the effect of restoration projects. The Green Visions web tool was widely utilized by grant applicants when submitting their Step 2 grant applications. The “toolkit” enables the public to access information in a web-based mapping environment to assist with project formulation and in the generation of project proposals. Since the Green Visions contract expires 9/8/2008 the contract was extended with a no cost extension through June 2009 in order to permit the completion of the habitat web-tool development and watershed modeling and data layer. The watershed modeling will be completed by the end of November 2008, and the initial habitat tool development and testing by December 30, 2008. Furthermore, it is expected the remainder of the period to be devoted to the watershed modeling tool development effort and making revisions and enhancements to the web tool for friendlier user interface.

Duck Farm Project: The Rangers continue their ongoing work with graffiti abatement, general clean-up and maintenance of the site. Additional site maintenance and operations included the trimming of eucalyptus trees along 605 freeway and completion of barn facility punch-list. The eucalyptus trees along the freeway have been trimmed back and currently the house is very visible, the trees will grow back out and in about six months the house will be less visible. The trees were not taken out completely because they offer a sound barrier as well as a solid barrier should a car come off the freeway towards the property. Upon completion of barn facility punch

list modifications LACC took occupancy as a crew work site. See attached Ranger report for the previous quarter. EDAW agreement to develop Phase 1a construction documents has been signed and design team kick-off meeting is scheduled for first of November. WCA project strategy includes prioritization of drawing package to support phased construction of initial development of the eastside passive park features and early infrastructure components within 12 to 18 months.

Azusa River Wilderness Park Project: The Celebration/Press event for the Canyon Inn property was held on September 24, 2008 in the park. There were news media from the San Gabriel Valley Tribune, Channel 4 KNBC News and KFWB. The coverage of the event was terrific in the local media thanks in large part to the help of Supervisor Molina's staff. The next steps will be to put out Request For Proposals to complete a survey of the property and develop a conceptual plan for the site. The conceptual planning effort will include community outreach and will evaluate extending bike path through property, enhancement of conservation easement and river riparian habitat and opportunities for passive uses of the meadow and upper lot. The Azusa City Links programs went off well with over 250 Azusa Pacific College students attending the river clean-up event on October 4th. The El Encanto site continues to be well used by the community to park and walk down the county road for fishing, picnicking and other pursuits.

Emerald Necklace: The Emerald Necklace is a vision for a 17 mile loop of parks and greenways connecting 10 cities and nearly 500,000 residents along the Río Hondo and San Gabriel Rivers. Since its inception, a number of stakeholders have developed numerous projects and activities that help accomplish this vision. In order to better coordinate and facilitate both projects and activities along the Emerald Necklace, staff is participating in monthly coordinating meetings with Supervisor District 1 staff and other stakeholders. A purpose of these meetings is to discuss the current status of on-going projects and coordinate the prioritization of projects along the Emerald Necklace for recreational and habitat enhancement purposes. There were 9 Step 2 applications submitted by Amigos de los Rios and LA County, Department of Parks and Recreation. Four projects that include 2 segments along the San Gabriel River and 2 segments along the Rio Hondo are recommended for funding of a feasibility study. The feasibility study for the four segments will determine past project history for these segments, matching fund opportunities, feasibility of development of project elements, and timeline associated with completing the proposed work. The feasibility study will assist RMC staff in developing funding recommendations for these segments at a later date.

Compton Creek Watershed Activities: Staff continues to participate in the Compton Creek Task Force (Compton City staff, MRCA, Coastal Conservancy, Heal the Bay, Watershed Council, Compton School District, County Public Works and others) to assist with identifying projects that help meet RMC's program goals, support the rehabilitation of the Compton Creek Watershed and provide open space, park, and trails. Staff will work with city and other stakeholders to identify projects from the Compton Creek Regional Garden Master Plan for future grant consideration. The Watershed Council, with the aid of the consulting firm of California Watershed Engineering (CWE) has begun to identify and narrow down the potential daylighting storm drain project sites to four key locations. The month of November will be dedicated to conducting engineering studies to eliminate sites, research land tenure and environmental contamination issues to further eliminate sites, meet with interested Community Leaders to gather community site information, and plan outreach events (door knocking/ teach-ins) with community leaders and Yo!Watts.

Habitat and Science Panel (HSAP): The HSAP provided critical input to the RMC Grant program. The Panel met on September 24 and is currently developing their 2009 Goals and

Priorities, which include: 1) Conduct field visits to specific RMC and other JPA project sites in order to provide input regarding habitat perspective and recommendation on enhancement and restoration possibilities on specific projects, such as the Whittier Narrows Plan Update, Los Cerritos Wetlands, Duck Farm and the Azusa River Wilderness Park; 2). Provide guidance for development of the templates for the RMC Habitat Restoration and Project Monitoring Plans and 3) Evaluation of the RMC project evaluation criteria and scoring of the grants in the 2008 Grant Cycle.

Children Outdoors! Event (COBR): The Rivers and Mountains Conservancy participated in this unique and unprecedented first statewide event specifically geared toward achieving the goals of the Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights. The event took place on Saturday October 11th and 12th at the Santa Fe Dam Regional Park. The event was a multi-agency event that was coordinated by the LA County Department of Parks and Recreation with participation from the US Forest Service, the National Parks Service, CA State Parks, the City of Glendale and the RMC. The event was part of the Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights effort, which is an effort to help ensure that every child has the opportunity to experience the great outdoors. The Bill of Rights provides that every child between the ages of four and fourteen should have the opportunity to: Discover California's past, Splash in the water, Play in a safe place, Camp under the stars, Explore nature, Learn to swim, Play on a team, Follow a trail, Catch a fish, and Celebrate their Heritage. This event included a variety of outdoor events including swimming in the Santa Fe Dam, Catching a Fish, Following a Trail (bicycle and nature trail), climbing a rock, discovering California's past by learning about gold panning, and learning about nature through the various wildlife and interpretive displays.

The MRCA Rangers (Laura Just and Milton Cano) helped to kick off the event with a talk about how to be safe in a park. The RMC organized two Children Outdoors! events including the Bicycle Ride (Follow a Trail) and Catch a Fish. The bike ride included the participation from Alex Kenefick of the LA County Bicycle Coalition who provided most of the bikes and was extremely helpful with the mechanical aspects of the bikes (sizing, fixing flats, etc), Suzanne Avila, who provided the education portion as children rested at Lario Park and included a brief overview of watersheds, the history of the San Gabriel mountains and the indigenous "Gabrielino" Tribe, Interact Club students from Gabrielino High School who served as guides for the groups along the bike trail. California State Parks donated the helmets for children to wear during the ride. This event would not have been possible without the coordination of RMC Staff who organized these two events. A total of approximately 60 children and adults participated in 3 separate rides which began at the Santa Fe Dam along the San Gabriel River bike Path north to Lario Park, a 4 mile round trip distance. There were many children who had never been on the San Gabriel River Bike Path, and several who did not even know that there was a River along the bike path.

The Catch a Fish activity was supported by United Anglers, a nonprofit who not only works on keeping the fisheries of southern California healthy but also teaches people to fish. They brought with them fishing gear and supplies for 30 participants along with three experienced fishermen. There were additional volunteers, RMC staff and friends who helped 150 participants' fish at Santa Fe Dam reservoir. The participants were very interested and stood for at least 60 minutes at the lake edge hoping to catch a fish. While several blue gills were caught none were of legal limit to keep.

For this event Children came from all over Los Angeles County and ranged in ages from 6 – 16 years old some with their parents most with a group from a recreation center. It is these kinds of

events that are consistent with the RMC mission and allow for children to experience a new outdoors experience who may not have had this opportunity, prior to this event.

RMC Staff included: Jane Beesley, who coordinated the Catch a Fish, Marybeth Vergara, who coordinated the Bicycle Ride, Hugo Garcia, and Katie Morris, LASGRWC Watershed Coordinator.

Executive Officer Activities:

INTERNAL

City of Pasadena Open Space Element Committee (Committee): Your Executive Officer is participating as a member on this Committee as a subject matter expert to assist the City of Pasadena with recommendations for updating the Open Space/Conservation Element of the City's General Plan Update. The Committee is expected to meet monthly for the next year. At the October member the Committee deliberated on the selection of a consultant to conduct community outreach for this project.

Statewide Watershed Program Public Advisory Committee (Committee): This Resources Agency Secretary appointed statewide committee is charged with making a recommendation to the Secretary regarding a statewide watershed program framework. Your Executive Officer is the only state agency representative on the Committee. There have been five meetings to date and in summary the Committee must submit a plan which : 1) should clearly describe and detail the value added to existing agency programs and missions; 2) It should also highlight what economic benefits would derive from using a watershed approach (from the standpoint of increased efficiency of State programs) and 3) The document should emphasize how this Program will help people, communities and the State adapt to a changing climate and the effects of a changing climate on our natural resources. The Committee is currently working with the Department of Conservation to determine the best course of action for implementation of the Committee's recommendations.

San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee (EENR Committee): The EENR Committee meets on a monthly basis and your Executive Officer participates as a non-voting member. The voting members are Mary Ann Lutz, Chair (Monrovia), Denis Bertone, Vice-Chair (San Dimas) and Sam Pedroza, Member (Claremont). There are five working groups for the EENR Committee: Air, Energy, Open Space, Solid Waste and Water. Your Executive Officer participates in the monthly meetings and Tim Worley, Director of Water Policy participates in the Water working group. At the October meeting staff presented the Tier 2 recommendations. The EENR Committee hosted a workshop on AB 32 in October which will well attended by COG members. Detailed information on the program is available on the COG website and on a CD upon request.

EXTERNAL

Audubon State Board: As a member of this statewide Board your Executive Officer participates as a Board member and takes vacation time usually for two days on a quarterly basis to attend these meetings throughout the state. The next meeting of the Board will take place at Debs Park in Los Angeles on December 2 & 3.

National Parks Second Century Commission (Commission): The Commission's goals are to produce a report that offers a vision for the future of the parks and National Park Service and a plan of action to achieve it, and to shape the agenda of the next Administration and Congress. See attached letter and list of commissioners. Your Executive Officer has been asked to serve as a Commissioner and will take vacation time to do so. Five Commission meetings are planned throughout the United States and will usually involve an absence of three to four working days. The second meeting of the Commission occurred on October 27th and 28th in Lowell, Massachusetts and the third meeting is scheduled for January 27-30, 2009 in Yellowstone National Park.



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June 30, 2008

**Watershed Conservation Authority
 Ranger Service Activities for April, May, and June 2008
 at El Encanto and the Duck Farm**

In addition to regular maintenance and patrol duties, during this quarter the MRCA rangers:

- Patrolled the properties and tested the water at El Encanto on a daily basis.
- Continue to monitor all leases at the Duck Farm and at El Encanto.
- April 1, Duck Farm: Utilized L.A. County Camp Crews to complete the removal of the wood fence at the equestrian center residence.
- April 3, El Encanto: Patrolled all areas, tested water and picked up litter. Welded wheels on new bear proof dumpsters.
- April 4, El Encanto: Patrolled all areas, tested water. Participated in the W.C.A. River Clean up meeting. Assisted Athens install new dumpsters in the inclosure.
- April 5, El Encanto: Patrolled all areas, tested water, swept, raked, emptied trash cans. Purchased mulch for planters.
- April 7, Duck Farm: Removed graffiti from the signs at the Proctor Street gate.
- April 8, El Encanto: Removed a Barn Owl from the office.
- April 12, Participated in the WCA Earth Day Event. Set up an information and display booth.
- April 15, El Encanto: Patrolled all areas, picked up trash, tested water and received low chlorine levels, contacted water company to correct the problem.
- April 18, El Encanto: Patrolled all areas, tested water. Met with Jane and Ron regarding maintenance issues.
- April 20, El Encanto: Responded to a vehicle accident on Highway 39 in front of the park. The accident did not affect WCA property.
- April 22, El Encanto: Removed graffiti from the large entrance sign.
- April 28, Duck Farm: Notified L.A. County Sheriff of a stolen/burned van on the dirt road under Valley Blvd.
- May 6, El Encanto: Met with Jane regarding the upstairs repair estimates.
- May 8, El Encanto: Installed a mosquito trap behind the office.
- May 12, Duck Farm: Repaired a window on the garage to the ranch house. The alarm was not activated, there was no evidence of entry to the house.

- May 13, El Encanto: Delivered 50 chairs for a meeting. Recorded the meter readings of the vacant mobile homes.
- May 14, El Encanto: Patrolled all areas and tested water. Met with Jane and Ron for janitorial equipment list. Duck Farm: Patrolled all areas, responded to an alarm call, cleared the property. The alarm was activated from a low battery. Replaced all the batteries and cleaned the sensors.
- May 15, El Encanto: Patrolled all areas, tested water, picked up litter, emptied trash cans, raked, and trimmed shrubs. Duck Farm: Responded to an alarm call at the ranch house. Located and repaired a broken window upstairs.
- May 16, El Encanto: Met with Jane at the Taylor house regarding the repairs to the roof.
- May 17, Participated in the "Save the Montebello Hills" Event. Set up an information and display booth.
- May 20, El Encanto: Responded to a call regarding a mountain lion attack on a dog. A resident of the mobile home park reported that he saw a mountain lion attack his dog. The Rangers and the Department of Fish & Game met with the resident. Notification was given to all the residents of the mobile home park for awareness and safety.
- May 21, El Encanto: Tested water, patrolled all areas and picked up litter. Built and installed mountain lion advisory signs in the parking lot and at the trailhead.
- May 22, El Encanto: Patrolled all areas, tested water, closed and secured the park due to flash flood warning. Duck Farm: Patrolled all areas, met with Edison investigating a fire on northwest side of property. Responded to an alarm call at the ranch house. No sign of any activity, cleared the area and reset the alarm.
- May 23, El Encanto: Patrolled all areas, tested water, picked up litter. The park remained closed for the day due to flash flood warning.
- May 24, El Encanto: Patrolled all areas, tested water, picked up litter, pulled weeds, emptied trash cans and raked. Duck Farm: Patrolled all areas and removed graffiti on east side of garage wall.
- May 27, Duck Farm: Met with Asplundh tree trimmers to begin removing the trees around the ranch house.
- May 29, Duck Farm: Patrolled all areas, checked on Asplundh cutting trees at ranch house.
- May 30, El Encanto: Patrolled all areas and tested water. Measured the upstairs office for drywall project.
- May 31, El Encanto: Patrolled all areas and tested water. Picked up litter and pulled weeds. Made keys for upstairs office.
- June 3, Duck Farm: Patrolled all areas, checked on Asplundh cutting trees at ranch house.
- June 5, El Encanto: Patrolled all areas and tested water, pulled weeds. Purchased tools and equipment.

- June 6, El Encanto: Patrolled all areas and tested water. Met with MRCA Construction Division for an estimate on the repairs to the upstairs office. Made contact with family regarding fishing and access to the river. Duck Farm: Patrolled all areas. Checked on Asplundh, tree down and logs still need to be removed.
- June 7, El Encanto: Patrolled all areas and tested water, picked up litter, emptied trash cans, and pulled weeds. The second gate on the dirt road next to the Buddhist temple was cut and open, replaced the chain and secured the gate.
- June 10, Duck Farm: Removed 24 illegally dumped tires at the tunnel. El Encanto: Met with Jane regarding the ranger contract renewal.
- June 11, El Encanto: Patrolled all areas and tested water. Met with MRCA Construction Division to discuss finishing upstairs offices. Duck Farm: Patrolled all areas. Met with Asplundh to get an estimate for the remaining work to be completed on the property.
- June 12, El Encanto: Patrolled all areas, tested water. Issued one Administrative Citation for smoking in the park.
- June 13, Duck Farm: Patrolled all areas. Attended L.A.C.C meeting.
- June 14, El Encanto: Patrolled all areas, tested water, washed vehicle and repaired fence. Issued two M.R.C.A. Parking citations. Duck Farm: Boarded up three windows and one door with plywood at Ranch house to help secure the upstairs.
- June 15, El Encanto: Removed debris at entry road from a vehicle fire.
- June 18, El Encanto: Patrolled all areas and tested water. Unloaded plywood and drywall for upstairs repairs. Boarded up window at Taylor House. Met with L.A. County Camp Crews to clear brush at the entrance to the park and along the dirt road next to the trailer park.
- June 19, El Encanto: Patrolled all areas and tested water. Met with L.A. County Camp Crews and delivered equipment. Duck Farm: Patrolled all areas. Issued one Administrative Citation for speeding.
- June 20, El Encanto: Patrolled all areas, tested water. Issued one M.R.C.A. Parking citation.
- June 21, El Encanto: Patrolled all areas, tested water, picked up trash, emptied trash cans. Opened Offices for MRCA crew to work on upstairs. Delivered pressure washer to MRCA crew at Taylor house to remove paint on roof. Closed and secured El Encanto due to Red Flag Warning due to high fire danger. Issued two MRCA parking citations for vehicles in a closed park.
- June 22, El Encanto: Met with L.A. County Camp Crews regarding work to be done on the upstairs repairs.
- June 24, Duck Farm: Patrolled all areas. Boarded up the remaining upstairs windows and two doors with plywood for security. El Encanto: Received an estimate for the upstairs windows.
- June 26, El Encanto: Patrolled all areas and tested water. Relocated the visible propane tanks to back of the trailers. Assisted Ron Gay install blinds at the office.

- June 27, El Encanto: Patrolled all areas and tested water. Posted “No Fireworks” posters at the office and around the parking lot.
- June 29, Duck Farm: Removed graffiti from signs.
- Continue to work closely with the project managers on various projects and assignments as requested.

If you have any questions, or would like additional information, please feel free to contact me anytime at (310) 858-7272 ext.227. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kenn Hughes Deputy Chief Ranger

DATE: July 28, 2008
TO: RMC Governing Board
FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: Item 6D: Review and status discussion of approved grant projects.

The purpose of this report is to provide a monthly update as to the status of each approved project under proposition 40, 50, and 84. The information contained in the reports is project name, applicant name, allocated amount, and the project status. The report is also sorted in alphabetical order by project name. The status section for each grant has been updated to provide additional detail on the grantees' current activities and progress toward project completion.

Please note that the projects recently approved for Tier 1 funding are not included in this report as of yet.

RMC Grant Status, Completed Projects					
ID#	Grantee	Project Name	Project Description	Project Status	Funding amount
3264	Amigos de los Rios	Alhambra Wash Naturalization	Preparation of an initial feasibility assessment for naturalization of Alhambra Wash.	This project resulted in a study of scenarios for Alhambra Wash. The report outlines the feasibility for a native landscape and recreation redesign of this section of the wash to incorporate trails, native landscape and recreation amenities.	40,693.17
3257	Aquarium of the Pacific	Aquarium of the Pacific Education Center Expansion	This project expanded the footprint of the Long Beach Aquarium to provide greater visual and physical connections to the Pier.	This project is complete. The "Rios de la Vida" ceramic mosaic mural was designed, fabricated and installed on the fountain at the Aquarium entrance. Planning was conducted for the LEED certified education classroom and 2 watershed exhibits.	389,593.44
3256	Aquarium of the Pacific	Aquarium of the Pacific Educational Programs	This small grant supplemented funding from other organizations for a workshop entitled "Creating a Sustainable Coastal Community for the Long Beach of Tomorrow."	Project is complete and was closed August 2004. Services provided under the scope of work included watershed education materials for elementary school teachers.	12,000.00
3268	Amigos de los Rios	Arcadia Wash Restoration Feasibility Study	Assessment of feasibility for removing approximately 2,400 linear feet of concrete lining in the Arcadia Wash.	The report outlines the feasibility for a native landscape and recreation redesign of this section of the wash to incorporate trails, native landscapes and recreation amenities.	152,038.05
3286	San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy	Azusa Open Space and Access Plan	This grant included portions of the activities associated with the development of an Azusa Canyon River Wilderness Park Master Plan and provided for coordination and administration of other river-related planning activities in the City of Azusa.	The project is complete. The consultant completed work on the strategic plan for the City of Azusa and its open space, and also completed research tasks with the city.	82,906.92
3252	Gateway Cities Council of Governments	Bikeway Plan - Gateway Cities	This plan will coordinate, prioritize and comprehensively evaluate the regional bikeway needs in the Gateway Cities area.	Elements of concept design were finally approved by MTA, 4F Federal Rule will not apply to this project. Final billings submitted by Gateway COG. RMC to set up meeting with MTA regarding final design concepts to determine ability to implement.	250,000.00

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ID#	Grantee	Project Name	Project Description	Project Status	Funding amount
3560	Trust for Public Land	Bluebird Ranch/Ferguson Property	The Ferguson project is an acquisition project of a total of 259 acres in the City of Glendora.	The Bluebird Ranch Acquisition is complete. The Glendora Conservancy is the land owner and operator with the City holding the Conservation Easement.	5,500,000.00
3251	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments	Brownfield Study - San Gabriel Valley	Brownfields in the San Gabriel Valley COG area were identified for possible open space and economic development opportunities.	A fewer number of sites were found than anticipated, resulting in a reduction in the Scope of Work. The project is complete and only \$80,059.07 was expended, the remaining funds have been disencumbered. The project is complete.	80,059.07
3305	Signal Hill, City of	Cha'wot Nature Preserve (Appraisal)	The Cha'wot Nature Preserve project proposes to acquire approximately 32-acres of hillside open space, known as the North Flank, and presently owned by Signal Hill Petroleum.	This appraisal was conducted in 2006, and determined the highest and best uses based upon the constraints identified in the geotech study. Related projects: RMC 3211, Geotech study is complete and 3306 acquisition (not yet funded)	20,000.00
3211	Signal Hill, City of	Cha'wot Nature Preserve (Geotechnical Studies) see RMC 3305 & 3306	The Cha'wot Nature Preserve project proposes to acquire approximately 32-acres of hillside open space known as the North Flank, and presently owned by Signal Hill Petroleum.	The geotechnical studies have been completed. Related projects are: RMC 3305, Appraisal (complete) & RMC 3306, Acquisition (not yet funded)	20,000.00
3217	Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden	Children's Native Plant Garden	This grant funded planning for a 3/4 acre children's native plant garden for children ages 4-7 at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden.	This planning project is complete and includes a detailed plan for trails and interactive interpretive exhibits. A master plan has been completed and further progress on the Children's Garden is based on the phased implementation of the Master Plan.	55,000.00
3202	Claremont, City of	Claremont Hills Wilderness Park	Acquisition of 240 acres in the Claremont foothills to augment the City of Claremont's Claremont Hills Wilderness Park.	The project has been completed, and the property is now owned by the City of Claremont and is part of the Claremont Hills Wilderness Park, which now totals 1,589 acres.	1,073,000.00

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ID#	Grantee	Project Name	Project Description	Project Status	Funding amount
3599	Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council	Compton Creek	The grant will provide funding to LASGRWC for implementation of the Compton Creek Watershed Management Plan.	Grant was extended to Nov. 2007 to pay for project costs. Project is completed, final documentation to be submitted. RMC will look at potential projects in Compton for implementation.	59,992.55
3246	Compton, City of	Compton Creek Regional Garden Park Master Plan	The project is a multi-use recreational facility consisting of 3.3 miles of trails along Compton Creek connecting nearby parks, nature classrooms, and nature preserves within the watershed.	A final report is complete and has been approved by Compton City Council. The report provides details and opportunities for the creation of an open space network connecting Compton Creek to the surrounding community. This project is complete.	92,195.25
3213	Orange, County of	Coyote and Carbon Creeks Watershed Management Plan	This project was for development of a watershed plan for the Coyote and Carbon Creek Watershed	Final Copies of the Watershed Plan have been delivered to the RMC, the financial documents are completed. The project is complete.	142,533.78
3565	Watershed Conservation Authority	Development of Procedures for Project Funding Criteria	This grant was given to the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) to enter into a professional services contract for development of FY 04/05 procedures for project funding criteria.	This work has been completed and as a result RMC funded more than 30 eligible capital outlay projects.	90,000.00
3232	Los Angeles - Dept. of Public Works, County of	Dominguez Gap Wetlands Multi-Use Project	The Dominguez Gap Wetlands Multiuse project proposes to modify two existing retention basins located on each side of the Los Angeles River.	The project resulted in improved capture and treatment of runoff along with an extensive native landscape, recreation trails and interpretive signs.	192,578.50
3273	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	Duck Farm Geotechnical Studies	The grant provides for geotechnical sampling on the Woodland Duck Farm property and independent analysis of the sampling results.	This project is complete. The final results of testing were reviewed by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works. The report indicates that the area tested is not suitable for groundwater recharge.	146,756.00
3274	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	Duck Farm Traffic Studies	The grant provides for CEQA documentation; a traffic study on the Woodland Duck Farm property and for professional services related to the project.	Work on this grant is complete. The project funded pre-acquisition traffic studies and CEQA documentation for the acquisition of the Duck Farm.	34,668.84

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ID#	Grantee	Project Name	Project Description	Project Status	Funding amount
3259	County of Los Angeles	East Los Angeles Civic Center Improvements	Assist in creating a sustainable, educational water feature connecting the plaza through open space	The project resulted in a water feature and recreation space at the Civic Center is now complete. An official opening took place on May 9th, 2008.	500,000.00
3212	Los Angeles - Dept. of Public Works, County of	Economic Value for Watershed Management Techniques Study	Develop a tool, in the form of a user-friendly spreadsheet model, to help make economic assessment of watershed improvement projects.	The project is complete. The tool will be available to a wide range of users and demonstrations can be made for a wide variety of stakeholders.	50,000.00
3587	Media and Policy Center Foundation of California	Edens Lost and Found: Emerald Necklace	This project's aim was to produce a segment for the series on the Emerald Necklace and to create a Teacher's Curriculum for the video with Amigos de los Rios.	This project is complete with the video on the Emerald Necklace and the teacher's curriculum delivered and on file. Amigos de los Rios has begun utilizing the video in their outreach efforts.	74,500.00
3249	Media and Policy Center Foundation of California	Educational Program on Urban Forestry and Creation of Sustainable Ecosystems	Eden's Lost and Found is a four-hour PBS series, showcasing extraordinary stories of environmental rebirth in four very different American cities.	The segments covering Chicago and Philadelphia aired in May 2006. The remaining segments, on the Los Angeles area and Seattle were shown in January of 2007. More information is available at http://www.pbs.org/opb/edenslostandfound/ and http://edenslostandf	100,000.00
3208	Long Beach, City of	El Dorado Regional Park Wetlands Feasibility Study	This project was to study the feasibility of bringing the urban run-off flow of the San Gabriel River through El Dorado Regional Park, Nature Center and proposed wetlands to make the park's lake and stream systems part of the San Gabriel River System.	The study is complete, it is possible to create wetlands in the park at a large cost, and report is on file with RMC. Project is complete and closed.	100,000.00
3566	Glendora, City of	Ferguson and Wildwood Pre-Acquisition Expenses	This grant paid for the appraisals and appraisal reviews enabling the City of Glendora and the City of San Dimas to seek funding for acquisition of properties totaling approximately 400 acres located in the San Gabriel Mountain foothills of Glendora.	The appraisals of Ferguson and Wildwood Canyons are complete. The state review of the appraisals for Wildwood and Ferguson are complete and supported. The work for this grant is now completed.	50,000.00

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3229	West Covina, City of	Galster Park Project	The grant provides funding for improvements to portions of the existing 42 acre Galster wilderness park.	The final project resulted in major improvements to the family campground so it is fully ADA accessible, including upgrades to connecting trails, restrooms, and signage. Landscaping was also enhanced with native plants. Final billing has been paid.	476,000.00
3339	North East Trees	Graham Elementary School Watershed Education Trail Phase I	This is the first (phase I) of two grants to fund improvements to an existing alley used to access Graham Elementary by parents and school children.	This project, Phase I, is complete and the second grant, RMC3340, funds Graham Elementary School Watershed Education Trail Phase II.	4,991.93
3340	North East Trees	Graham Elementary School Watershed Education Trail Phase II	This grant will fund improvements to an existing alley used to access Graham Elementary by parents and school children.	NET has completed construction and student outreach for the project. The project resulted in an improved alley with native plants and paving improvements connecting the community to Graham Elementary School.	50,920.00
3568	Watershed Conservation Authority	Green Visions Phase II	This Phase II project is to implement the major tasks identified in the Phase I framework, to identify and assess opportunities for habitat conservation and restoration, open space acquisition and recreational facilities development, and watershed protect	Results of the species mapping and open space analysis are being incorporated into the web-based GIS tool. Hydrological data integration is pending completion of the data analysis, see Phase III	500,000.00
3233	California Native Habitat Endowment Fund	Habitat Authority Community Outreach & Education	This project is to develop a curriculum to train the trail and program volunteers (Docents) to conduct interpretive tours in the Puente Hills Landfill Native Habitat Authority properties.	Work is complete on this project. The Docent Manual is complete, the training for the Docents outlined. Final payment has been made to the Authority.	20,000.00
3556	Southern California Coastal Water Research Project	Historical Ecology of the RMC Territory	Define and prioritize historical research questions to meet restoration and management information needs	Project completed 12/31/06. The report has been posted on the websites of the RMC, SCCWRP and Cal State Northridge Geology Department.	148,000.00

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3562	Watershed Conservation Authority	Integrated Regional Water Management Plan	This project involved making preliminary findings regarding project opportunities and related criteria for the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles River Watershed Region.	Work has been completed and final work product has been submitted. This document provided the framework for an Integrated Regional Water Management Plan for the RMC territory.	100,000.00
3359	Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council	Invasive Weed Control in Riparian Habitat of San Gabriel Valley	Undesirable invasive non-native plants will be selectively controlled by targeted herbicide applications.	All work has been completed and resulted in the removal of invasive weeds over a wide area north of Whittier Narrows. The project is currently being monitored for recurrence of invasive weeds.	35,238.49
3604	La Habra, City of	La Habra Heights Trail Connectors Plan	The City of La Habra Heights will locate, identify and assess the condition of multi-purpose trails within the city that have connectivity to other trails in the region, or those that could have connections, if restored with appropriate improvements.	The Master plan has been completed. Work is complete and final billing is complete	49,991.58
3231	County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works	Lario Creek Enhancement Project	This grant will provide planning funds for stream bank stabilization and restoration while increasing the channel's ability to divert water for groundwater replenishment.	Review of the two alternatives by Los Angeles County Department of Public Works is complete and the report has been finalized. Final billing has been processed.	125,000.00
3372	El Monte, City of	Lashbrook Park	Lashbrook Park is a creation of a park out of unused land along the Rio Hondo River.	The new park is complete and was opened on January 28th, 2006. There are new native plants throughout the park, a bio swale, interpretive signage that includes Emerald Necklace Wayfinding signage. This project is complete	71,000.00
3374	Walnut, City of	Lemon Creek	Expansion and renovation of an existing park. The outdoor portion of the park to be accessible to developmentally disabled patrons and provide passive natural areas with recreational amenities.	This project is now completed and resulted in trail improvements along Walnut creek with native landscaping and amenities.	225,000.00

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3559	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	Long Canyon, Santa Clara River	The Santa Clara River remains to a large extent unaltered and, because of this much of the natural habitat is intact.	The MRCA has completed the acquisition of the property and will manage the property for conservation purposes.	100,000.00
3380	Bell, City of	Los Angeles River Bikeway Path Enhancement and Rehabilitation	Enhancement and rehabilitation of the LA River bikeway path, City of Bell. This project will extend the River Parkway project funded by the Resources Agency.	Augmentation of the funding for this project approved by RMC Board 7-9-07 for \$151,000 to fund the final reach of this project in the City, along with an extension to the end date to 3-31-08. Project is complete, City has been fully reimbursed.	350,900.00
3226	Lynwood, City of	Lynwood Meadows	Lynwood Meadows project will rehabilitate a vacant city-owned property as a park with natural features including trails, native planting and benches.	Park project is complete. RMC Staff attended Lynwood Meadows Grand Opening on Sept. 13, 2008.	562,379.00
3266	Lynwood, City of	Lynwood Nature Park (South Gate Riparian)	The grant paid for Phase 1 Environmental Assessment (soils sampling).	The project was closed in May 2005. The soils report is in the RMC 3237 file as it also pertains to the South Gate Riparian Habitat Restoration project.	5,000.00
3394	North East Trees	Maywood Bikeway Access	Funding will provide for an enhanced and naturalized bikeway access with native planting, permeable surface, bench seating, and other amenities on the north side of Slauson Avenue at the LA River.	The project is now complete. The project resulted in an enhanced trailhead providing improved access to the Los Angeles River Trail with native landscaping and recreation amenities and has been transferred to the City of Maywood for management.	244,109.00
3395	Maywood, City of	Maywood Riverfront Park	The project has taken abandoned industrial and Superfund sites and converted them into a riverfront park with connections to the LA River Bike Trail.	The park implementation is complete and park is now open. Final retention has been processed. Park opening and dedication took place May 10, 2008.	250,000.00
3269	Pico Rivera, City of	Mines Avenue Bike Lane Improvement Project	Construction of a Class 2 bike lane along Mines Road to connect the San Gabriel and Rio Hondo Spreading grounds is not feasible at this time.	Final project billing has been submitted for \$56,023.60. The balance of \$224,094.40 has been disencumbered.	56,023.60

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3204	Monrovia, City of	Monrovia Hillside Wilderness Preserve	Acquisition of additional acreage in the City of Monrovia Hillside Wilderness Preserve.	The City has completed purchase of 52 acres within the Monrovia Hillside Wilderness Preserve. The city has one last piece of land to acquire in the Preserve. The project is complete and closed.	731,950.00
3602	Puente Hills Landfill Native Habitat Preservation Authority	Native Habitat Docent Manual	The Native Habitat Docent Manual is a project that started out with the Habitat Fund and has been redirected to the Habitat Authority due to their capacity to complete the work at this time.	The Habitat Authority has completed its Docent Manual and prepared a training schedule for the first class of Docents. The project is complete and closed.	26,000.00
3585	Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden	Native Landscape Workshop	The project developed and a conducted three workshops for landscape architects involved in design of public landscapes.	Turnout at the workshops was excellent, and participant evaluations were highly positive and indicated support of further outreach to assist in the industry's capacity to support the development of sustainable landscapes. This project is now complete.	5,212.00
3422	Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden	Native Plant Palettes for the San Gabriel River	This grant provides funding for development of a list of native plants that can be used as suitable vegetation palettes for establishment of native plants in the San Gabriel River Watershed.	This project resulted in a comprehensive list of native plants suitable for use in projects within the San Gabriel River Watershed. The project is now complete and the list is under consideration for use in the Santa Clara River Master Plan.	51,505.15
3425	Anaheim, City of	Oak Canyon Nature Center	The project proposes improvements to the interpretive trail and nature center entryway and outdoor amphitheatre.	The City of Anaheim has completed the installation and submitted the final reports and photos. This project is complete.	6,050.00
3207	Brea, City of	Olinda Historic Trail	Build a trail from the historic oil production area of the City of Brea up into the dedicated open space in the hillsides adjacent to Chino Hills State Park	The city of Brea has completed 2.2 miles of trail with educational/interpretive signage. The project is completed and closed.	98,050.00
3426	Brea, City of	Olinda Historic Trail Phase II	The Olinda Historic Trail II is the extension of the Olinda Trail funded by the RMC, allowing for the City to create a loop trail that takes advantage of the conservation easement.	The extension of the Olinda Trail in Brea, Olinda Trail II to its full 2.2 miles is complete. The project is closed.	45,000.00

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3253	Orange County League of Cities	Orange County Open Space and Multi-purpose Opportunities	The Orange County Division of the League of California Cities (OCD) assessed open space, habitat, low impact recreation, watershed improvements and educational uses in the Orange County area.	This grant funded identification by the OCD of high priority regional open space and recreational opportunities as well as brought together the Cities in Orange County within the RMC territory. The project is complete and the report is on file.	125,000.00
3592	Los Angeles Conservation Corps	Organic Community Farm	This grant is to fund several projects at the EarthWorks Community Organic Farm, located in South El Monte.	This project is complete.	83,260.00
3429	Duarte, City of	Pacific Communities Project	This grant provided for acquisition of the Pacific Communities property, also known as the Duarte Foothills Reserve.	The City of Duarte completed the acquisition of 329 acres in December 2005. The project is closed.	3,500,000.00
3200	Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority	Park Bond Project Management Services	Project management services were provided for RMC grants for capital outlay projects.	The MRCA provided project management services such as project development and grant administration. All services have been completed.	547,448.00
3242	Baldwin Park, City of	Park Master Plan - Baldwin Park	Development of a portion of the city's Parks Master Plan, to identify needs and opportunities for open space and passive recreation in the City's existing park system.	City has adopted the master plan. This project is complete	50,000.00
3214	Friends of the Angeles Chapter Foundation	Peck Water Conservation Park	Conduct a survey of Peck Park and connections to the park from the surrounding communities, and create a master plan.	This project is complete. A Master Plan has been developed for entranceway improvements, habitat restoration, native garden, irrigation improvements, and other park amenities.	25,000.00
3235	Friends of Pio Pico	Pio Pico State Historic Park	Interpretive materials which provide an overview of the capital improvements to Pio Pico State Historic Park.	The interpretive materials have been completed. This document provides an overview of the capital improvements to Pio Pico State Historic Park.	5,000.00
3224	La Puente, City of	Puente Creek Nature Education Center	The City of La Puente proposes acquisition of a vacant parcel along Puente Creek on which the Nature Center would be located.	The acquisition and design phase of this project are complete. The project resulted in a master plan for the Nature Center. Construction documents are being finalized for the project.	394,522.94

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ID#	Grantee	Project Name	Project Description	Project Status	Funding amount
3241	Paramount, City of	Ralph C. Dills Park Expansion	Development of a park master plan for the newly acquired properties that will be used for passive recreation and open space.	Construction drawings are out to bid. Bid award anticipated in April 2008. Construction to commence Spring, 2008. Final billing for this master planning has been submitted, as this grant is complete.	200,000.00
3561	Paramount, City of	Ralph C. Dills Project	This grant provided funds to cover the cost of environmental services and demolition activities associated with properties acquired for the purpose of expanding Ralph C. Dills Park.	The environmental services are complete and the RMC has authorized a grant for site planning, RMC3241, Ralph C. Dills Park Expansion	72,435.00
3234	Rancho Los Alamitos Foundation	Rancho Los Alamitos Native Garden Restoration	The project includes planting of natives, the construction of pathways, interpretive signage, and professional services related to design and planning for the native plantings and improved grading.	The project is complete. The project resulted in the installation of paths, irrigation and historic landscaping	63,546.00
3216	Rancho Los Cerritos Foundation	Rancho Los Cerritos Landscape Restoration	Rancho Los Cerritos is a national, state and local historic landmark. This project consisted of site planning to enhance a stream on the site and related amenities	The planning phase of this project is complete and resulted in construction documents for the improvements. RMC Board has approved funding for implementation of the Arroyo phase of this project under RMC 3616.	55,042.49
3271	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments	Rio Hondo Watershed Plan	In 2002, the Regional Water Quality Control Board awarded Proposition 13 Nonpoint Source Pollution Control grants to develop four sub-watershed plans within the RMC area.	This project is complete and the final plan was accepted by the Regional Board. The Rio Hondo Watershed Management Plan contains an overview of existing conditions within the watershed, discusses how these conditions should shape future projects.	37,455.00
3557	Southern California Coastal Water research Project	Riparian and Wetland Mapping	Digital mapping for wetland and riparian areas in the RMC territory	Mapping was increased from 17 quads to 20, and is complete. The report and maps will be posted on the Cal State Northridge, Center for Geographic Studies Website.	104,000.00

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3248	Watershed Conservation Authority	Rivers and Tributary Access Improvements	The WCA has identified trail access and signage improvements as a critical need for the river corridors in our territory.	There are seven sub-grants for trail improvements and signage along the San Gabriel River: completed projects are: signage at Thienes Avenue, lower Los Angeles River, the San Gabriel River Trail at Irwindale, and the Compton Creek Trail Project.	500,000.00
3272	Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority	RMC Grant Guidelines	Services provided under this grant included development of grant guidelines and a workshop for successful grantees to provide assistance in selecting design and construction contractors.	The grant guidelines have been completed and updated. The consultant completed the workshops and provided all relevant material. An amendment to the scope of work also resulted in the production of GIS tools to help identify RMC projects.	144,656.51
3236	County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works	San Gabriel River Environmental Graphic Design Services Program	This project is the design of graphic elements for signage and interpretive projects along the San Gabriel River.	The project is complete. The complete signage and environmental graphic plan for the river includes the following components: Entry signs, Mile markers, Project signs, Wayfinding signs, and Interpretive signs.	17,500.00
3228	Pico Rivera, City of	San Gabriel River Spreading Grounds	Development of a bike path/walking trail at the Spreading Grounds, landscaping, irrigation lines, the development of a rest area, lighting, interpretive signage and improved public entrances. The project is complete	Project final billing has been processed. This project administered by LA County DPW. The Notice of Completion issued December, 2007.	479,882.00
3239	Seal Beach, City of	San Gabriel River Trail Enhancement	The City of Seal Beach is restoring the existing San Gabriel River Trail.	This project is complete with construction drawings at 90%. The project is completed with phase 2- development under a new grant, RMC 3573	156,743.12
3247	San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy	San Gabriel River Watershed Habitat Restoration Assessment Project	The San Gabriel River Watershed Habitat Assessment project is a collection of research and data with an analysis in the Upper San Gabriel River, Walnut Creek and San Jose Creek sub watersheds.	The final report is on file with the RMC and will be included as part of the current conditions of the Upper San Gabriel River Watershed Management Plan.	84,987.00

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3230	County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works	San Jose Creek Bike Trail Planning	Construction of 0.7 miles of a Class I bicycle trail with enhancements to landscape and hardscape.	Trail alignment and geotechnical work is complete for the San Jose Creek and San Gabriel River bridges. All work covered by this grant is now complete. Funding for construction has not yet been identified.	200,000.00
3215	North East Trees	San Jose Creek Greenway Improvements	Provide additional habitat benefits to the current Greenway Project by providing additional plantings, interpretive signage, and volunteer events.	This project is complete. The project resulted in landscape and trail improvements along San Jose Creek between Workman Mill Road and the 605 freeway.	48,975.00
3210	Santa Fe Springs, City of	Santa Fe Springs Park Master Plan & Nature Sanctuary Feasibility Study	Create a master plan for Santa Fe Springs Park and assess the feasibility of expanding the park to create a nature park on a 13 acre site at the northern end.	Grantee has not completed the master plan study and project has stalled. RMC Staff met with City Mgr and Staff in Feb 08 to determine next steps. Focus was redirected toward S. portion. RMC Grant 3595 will be terminated City to pursue other funding source	48,234.17
3244	Seal Beach, City of	Seal Beach Open Space Opportunities	This small planning grant funded the investigation of potential open space opportunities within the City of Seal Beach and allowed for a master plan approach to future projects.	The project is complete and the plan is on file. Opportunities for planning, partnership, and property acquisition were identified and allow the City to strategically plan its future open space needs and potential opportunities for RMC funding.	44,242.76
3262	Puente Hills Landfill Native Habitat Preservation Authority	Seventh Avenue Trailhead Improvements	Seventh Avenue Trailhead project was with the Puente Hills Landfill Native Habitat Preservation Authority in the northwestern Puente Hills in the Hacienda Heights community as an improved access point to the Skyline Trail and other trails in the hills.	The Habitat Authority has completed the project that included a trailhead, interpretive signage, a bioswale and connection to the Skyline Trail; they also hosted a trail opening event. The final payments have been made and the grant closed out.	231,739.00
3220	Diamond Bar, City of	Sycamore Canyon Park Trail Development Project- Diamond Bar	This project developed the first trail increment of the City's five-site, city-wide trail system.	This project, the first 1.5 mile increment of the trail system, is complete. The trail opened on February 25, 2006.	124,081.00

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3218	San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy	THINK RIVER!	This small grant funded development of the Think River! project -- an integrated watershed education program to provide educational opportunities for youth in the San Gabriel Valley regarding water quality, water supply and use and habitat.	This project is complete. The final version of the Think River! Curriculum is on file.	46,440.00
3209	San Gabriel, City of	Vincent Lugo Park Renovation	Develop a master plan for the renovation of Vincent Lugo Park.	The Master Plan has been completed. The project resulted in a master plan for the redevelopment of Vincent Lugo Park with native planting, retention of runoff, improved trails and interpretive signage.	45,853.54
3205	Pasadena, City of	Washington Park Implementation- Pasadena	The project consisted of the redevelopment of Washington Park and restoration of historical elements.	Construction is complete and an official opening ceremony was held on September 30, 2006. The project resulted in renovation of trails within the park with native landscaping and interpretive signage.	331,543.84
3219	Regents of the University of California	Watershed Education in Multi-Lingual Communities	The University of California Cooperative Education and East Los Angeles College cooperated to develop a multilingual watershed interpretation and education curriculum for English-as-a-Second-Language students.	The concept was submitted to LA Valley College and to University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources (UCANR) publications for free download. The project is complete.	32,094.00
3267	TreePeople	Watershed Education Outreach	This work was not carried out, as time progressed, the need for TreePeople to provide services to the designated cities was no longer necessary	Grantee has withdrawn from this project, as the scope is no longer feasible. \$17,703 was expended. The balance of the funds has been released and the project was closed in October 2006.	17,703.00
3250	Los Angeles Conservation Corps	Watershed Improvement Projects- LACC	This grant to the Los Angeles Conservation Corps provides for improvements within the San Gabriel River Watershed.	LACC has completed weed abatement projects, treatment of invasive weeds and landscape improvements along the San Gabriel River and San Jose Creek.	150,000.00

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3543	Lakewood, City of	West San Gabriel River Open Space Project Phase II	West San Gabriel River Open Space Project – Phase II project will extend and connect the greenbelt and existing trails of the West San Gabriel River Parkway Nature Trail (Phase I) through the proposed area to Del Amo Boulevard.	This project is now complete and is open to the public. The project includes native landscape and a trail along the San Gabriel River.	300,000.00
3245	Whittier, City of	Whittier Greenway Extension	The Whittier Greenway is a linear park and multi-use trail along an abandoned 5.2-mile, Union Pacific rail corridor through the City of Whittier.	The project is complete. RMC staff continues to work with the city to identify funding for further work on this project. The City has contracted for the next phase, a connection from the San Gabriel River to Pio Pico State Historic Park.	150,000.00
3255	Watershed Conservation Authority	Woodland Duck Farm Acquisition	Acquisition, planning and implementation of minor improvements to the first major riverfront park along the San Gabriel River.	The Duck Farm site was acquired in December, 2004. Further work on this project is pending completion of the overall site planning and implementation.	1,300,000.00

RMC Grant Status, Current Projects					
ID#	Grantee	Project Name	Project Description	Project Status	Funding amount
3576	Anaheim, City of	Anaheim Coves/ Burris Pit Park Development	The Burris Pit/Anaheim Coves project is the development of a trail with landscaping and interpretive elements around a recharging pond in the City of Anaheim.	The completed design will be revisited following collaboration with Orange County Water District and the City over next four months to provide increased scope to the project. Prop 84 grant award 9-08 will be amended	841,610.00
3260	Watershed Conservation Authority	Azusa River Wilderness Park Acquisition	The Azusa River Wilderness Park is a project to create a passive park on the north end of the City of Azusa at the beginning of San Gabriel Canyon.	Acquisition of both the Taylor parcel (1.3 acres) and El Encanto (39.9 acres) site are complete, the funding is in place for the acq. Of the Canyon Inn property bringing the park to 42.2 acres.	1,668,883.00
3596	Watershed Conservation Authority	Azusa River Wilderness Park Planning and Implementation - Prop 40	This grant is planning and implementation for the Azusa River Wilderness Park.	The concept planning is completed; the CEQA document is to be published in fall of 2008. The closure of the Mobile Home Park is complete all tenants are out and Demolition is underway.	1,321,000.00
3238	Bellflower, City of	Bellflower Riverview Park	The project will provide a natural, riverfront environment along the San Gabriel River, serving numerous communities.	Grant end date May 09. City working on lease agreement directly w/Edison, as required by Resources Agency, rather than with RHC (storage developer). Negotiations ongoing.	300,000.00
3615	Watershed Conservation Authority	Canyon Inn/International Theological Seminary property	The proposed project is a fee simple acquisition of the approximately 26.06 acre International Theological Seminary (Canyon Inn/Cool Springs) property in Azusa within the Azusa River Wilderness Park project area.	There is joint funding with Resources Agency. The Trust for Public Land has an option agreement with the current owners. Purchase will be completed by October 21, 2008.	1,500,000.00
3601	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	Capital Project Management Services	At the direction of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) Executive Officer, the MRCA shall perform project management tasks for projects on the RMC Workprogram.	Services provided under this grant included project management for RMC workprogram grants. Project Management services included development of project concepts with applicants, negotiations regarding the scope of work and budget, administration of grant	353,538.00

RMC Grant Status, Current Projects					
ID#	Grantee	Project Name	Project Description	Project Status	Funding amount
3640	Watershed Conservation Authority	Chapter 8 Defaulted Tax Property	The WCA identified and bid on tax defaulted parcels that would further implement the agency's programmatic objectives. These parcels are available at a low costs and would facilitate WCA's program goals.	Staff will be submitting agreement forms to the County and begin its due diligence on the 35 parcels to assess whether or not to proceed with the bid sale. The process is anticipated to take between 8 to 24 months.	100,000.00
3254	Watershed Conservation Authority	Citrus Grove Heights	Pre-Acquisition and acquisition costs for a tax default property in Pico Rivera along the San Gabriel River and SGR Bikeway, to be developed for a bike rest stop by the WCA.	Staff is working on the conveyance of site from MRCA.	15,000.00
3593	Long Beach, City of	City of Long Beach Project Management Services	The Long Beach Project Services Management grant with the City of Long Beach Real Estate Division to provide assistance for acquisition projects	Project management assistance under this grant has included the North Slope in Signal Hill (RMC 3306 Cha'Wot), Wrigley Heights (no longer active), and Los Cerritos Wetlands projects (Bryant, Bixby, etc).	100,000.00
3554	Long Beach, City of	Colorado Lagoon Restoration	The Colorado Lagoon Restoration project in the City of Long Beach is a restoration of a well utilized lagoon.	The City was successful with its grant application was awarded \$3.8 million also successful with their grant application to the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE). June 2008: DEIR was posted and final certification in September 08. Construction begin:4/09	150,000.00
3621	Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council	Compton Creek Daylighting Study	This feasibility study will focus on a significant storm drain network or catchment area in the Compton Creek Watershed or areas that drain directly to the western lower Los Angeles River	RMC Grant in the amount of \$187,000. Consult firm CWE chosen to work on engineering aspects of identifying catchment areas. RMC met with grantee to discuss catchment area identification and outreach strategies. Grantee may need grant extension.	187,000.00

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ID#	Grantee	Project Name	Project Description	Project Status	Funding amount
3584	Cerritos, City of	Coyote Creek Bike Trail Connection to Cerritos Regional Park	The Coyote Creek Bike Trail Connection to Cerritos Regional Park is a project that will enhance 2 access points to the Coyote Creek Bike Path. RMC staff has been working successfully with the City of Cerritos in defining the gateway/access area to Coyote	Design is complete. Delays due to City staff resources. Grant extension to 12/31/08 approved by RMC Board in July 2008. This will require another extension due to permitting issues	400,000.00
3580	Trails-4-All	Coyote Creek Regional Trail System Improvements	The Coyote Creek Regional Trail System project is an assessment of the Coyote Creek Bike Trail as well as signage and some greening projects.	Trails 4 All has had successful stakeholder meetings. The mapping and report are complete and posted on the RMC Website. Grant extension to 8/30/08 to complete distribution.	250,000.00
3318	Los Alamitos, City of	Coyote Creek-Los Alamitos Improvement Project	The Coyote Creek-Los Alamitos Improvement project is the creation of a park out of an underused space along Coyote Creek.	The design concepts require revision due to increased project costs. The RMC staff is assisting City with Edison regarding lease agreement. City's interim Public Works Director is actively working on the project at this time.	1,440,000.00
3419	Downey, City of	Discovery Sports Complex (Formerly NASA Park)	This grant provides passive recreation and interpretive concepts, and contributes to the cost of the large storm water basin, located adjacent to the Columbia Memorial Space Science Learning Center.	Storm water retention basin is complete. RMC working with city to finalize native plant issues. Project dedication on 10/28/08.	500,000.00
3609	Watershed Conservation Authority	Duck Farm Phase IA Implementation	The Phase 1A Duck Farm project involves the development of a 23 acre river adjacent park project.	EDAW agreement to develop Phase 1a construction documents has been signed and design team kick-off meeting is schedule for first of November. Project strategy to prioritize drawing package to target begin of construction activities in 12-18 months.	1,798,389.00

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ID#	Grantee	Project Name	Project Description	Project Status	Funding amount
3243	Watershed Conservation Authority	Duck Farm Planning	The purpose of this project is to create a Master Plan for the Woodland Duck Farm property.	The planning for Phase 1 of the Duck Farm is complete and the WCA Board adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project. The CD drawing contract has been awarded to EDAW; a project design team kick-off meeting is planned for November 7, 2008.	472,000.00
3263	Long Beach, City of	El Dorado Nature Center Renewal	The El Dorado Nature Center Renewal is a revitalization of the acreage not utilized currently by the nature center.	Design-Build bids expected during September on the conceptual design for restoration. US Army Corps of Engineers permit is in place. Grant extension pending RMC Board approval 9-22-08.	327,000.00
3618	Watershed Conservation Authority	Emerald Necklace San Jose Creek Acquisition	This project is a fee simple acquisition of approximately 4 acres within the San Jose Creek area in unincorporated Los Angeles County, Avocado Heights and will be developed as passive open space with equestrian features and water quality elements.	The WCA and the landowner have completed negotiations on an option agreement which will result in initiating the due diligence period of 4 months. The WCA will hire consultants to perform the necessary due diligence prior to moving forward with purchase.	50,000.00
3633	City of Duarte	Encanto Nature Walk Bioswale Project	The project provides a bioswale with interpretive signage, native landscaping and a small infiltration basin to manage storm runoff.	Project under went value engineering and project implementation strategy revisions to support re-bid. Construction contract scheduled to be awarded by end of November 2008. Construction scheduled to begin January 2009 - June 2009.	508,000.00
3605	Duarte, City of	Encanto Park Bioswale	This project is the water quality and conservation element in a larger project at Encanto Park, the Encanto Nature Walk Project.	The planning process is nearing completion with rebidding actions having extended time of performance through end of year. City has targeted contract award by end of November 2008, with final closeout billing to follow.	150,000.00

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ID#	Grantee	Project Name	Project Description	Project Status	Funding amount
3617	Pomona, City of	Ganesha Park	The proposed Ganesha Park Trails Project will seek to re-open trails at Ganesha Park and to provide users with a sense of history of the park.	The project is running approx. 6 weeks behind the existing project timeline, due to a delay in receiving the revised contract from the RMC, and the negotiations between the City and RRM Design Group.	116,945.00
3337	El Monte, City of and Amigos de los Rios	Gibson Park Habitat Plantings	Part of the Emerald Necklace, Gibson Park grant from the RMC will fund native landscaping, an outdoor interpretive kiosk & an outdoor classroom where visitors and school children can learn about the natural history and resources of this area of the water.	Gibson Park site demolition is complete. The Name Change from Gibson to "Mariposa Park" has been registered by the steering committee with the El Monte Park's Commission. Construction Drawings are 95% complete.	433,500.00
3608	Community Conservancy International	Green Solutions	A scientific analysis and subsequent identification of multi-purpose projects which will address water quality, water supply, habitat restoration and recreational access in RMCs' territory.	CCI and sub consultants have a draft concept plan for review by RMC staff in early October. The project is expected to be completed by November 1, 2007.	50,000.00
3623	Watershed Conservation Authority	IRWMP Multipurpose Plan Development	This work is for identification and development of multi-purpose projects for the Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan	The two subregions for RMC territory are in the process of prioritizing multi-purpose projects. Staff continues to be very actively involved in this and the development of the Disadvantaged Communities outreach efforts.	100,000.00
3367	La Verne Land Conservancy	La Verne Open Space ANF Connection (Project 1)	The La Verne Open Space project is an enhancement of open space being purchased by the City of La Verne in the Marshall Canyon Area of the San Gabriel Foothills.	This project is under assessment by staff for feasibility to complete at this time.	208,000.00
3222	Fullerton, City of	Laguna Lake Park Master Plan	The Laguna Lake project in the City of Fullerton is a restoration of a park designed and utilized since the 1950's.	Trail improvements & interpretive signage are complete. RMC approved on 6-23-08 Augment +\$120K, extend to 2-28-09, to complete landscaping, to begin fall 2008.	620,000.00

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ID#	Grantee	Project Name	Project Description	Project Status	Funding amount
3373	Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, County of	Legg Lake Fishing Pier	This grant will provide restoration of an area of North Legg Lake by implementing a shoreline restoration program which includes ADA parking, an access walkway and ramp, an informational kiosk and native landscaping.	The project was transferred from LA County Department of Parks and Recreation to LA Co. Department of Public Works. Construction began Sept 2007, to be complete by 12/30/08	500,000.00
3570	Aquarium of the Pacific	Long Beach Aquarium Watershed Exhibit Expansion Project	This grant facilitates the completion of the Long Beach Aquarium Expansion Project - RMC 3257 for design and planning.	The Pierpoint exhibit is complete. Construction began on the Classroom and related exhibits in February, 2008. Construction nearing completion. Opening event 11/12/08	1,322,000.00
3586	North East Trees	Los Angeles River Parkway Access Improvements - Cudahy	Development of a pocket park using several funding sources.	Phase 1 construction began in July 2008 and is expected to continue through 2009. Project end date is March 2009.	150,000.00
3607	GreenInfo Network	Mapping Support Services	Creation of a project management database, clean up and organization of project attributes (GIS and other), map creation.	Green Info Network has almost completed work on this project and is working on final tasks for this project.	31,790.00
08101	Claremont, City of	Padua Park Project	This is a 22 acre park development project that will feature both active and low impact recreation spaces. Includes a habitat enhancement feasibility study for the northeastern section of the site.	Construction activities scheduled to begin week of October 25, 2008.	850,000.00
3270	Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority	Park Bond Project Management Services II	This grant provided for project management services over a two year period for the RMC workprogram.	Services provided under this grant included project management for RMC workprogram grants. Project Management services included development of project concepts with applicants, negotiations regarding the scope of work and budget, administration of grant	589,139.00

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ID#	Grantee	Project Name	Project Description	Project Status	Funding amount
3594	La Puente, City of	Phase I Implementation of the Puente Creek Nature Education Center	Phase I of the Puente Creek Nature Education Center is designed to make the park functional while additional funding is being sought to complete the proposed project.	Development of construction documents is almost complete. Final revisions have been submitted and it is expected that the project will go out to bid in early 2008.	1,175,000.00
3600	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	Project Management and Technical Services	At the direction of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) Executive Officer, the MRCA shall perform project management tasks for projects on the RMC Workprogram.	Services provided under this grant included project management for RMC workprogram grants. Project Management services included development of project concepts with applicants, negotiations regarding the scope of work and budget, administration of grant	0.00
3613	MRCA	Project Management Services	This grant provided for project management services over a two year period for the RMC workprogram.	Services provided under this grant included project management for RMC workprogram grants. Project Management services included development of project concepts with applicants, negotiations regarding the scope of work and budget, administration of grant a	757,549.00
3638	City of Paramount	Ralph Dills Park Implementation	Park development based upon RMC funded master plan for newly acquired properties that will be used for passive recreation and open space.	Grant approved by RMC Board on 7/28/08. Construction has commenced. City will contact RMC regarding plant spacing.	1,000,000.00
3616	Long Beach, City of	Rancho Los Cerritos Arroyo Improvements	The Rancho Los Cerritos Arroyo Restoration Project will expand the recreational use of the facility.	The project is behind schedule due to delays with building and safety approvals.	275,000.00
3458	Montebello, City of	Rio Hondo - Roosevelt Avenue River Trail Entry	The City of Montebello's Roosevelt Avenue project will enhance and provide amenities for the trailhead on the Rio Hondo bike path.	The City has received its permits from DPW and the cooperative maintenance agreement with the County has been signed and approved. The City went out to bid, and it is anticipated that the project will be complete by Spring 2009.	210,000.00

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ID#	Grantee	Project Name	Project Description	Project Status	Funding amount
3465	El Monte, City of and Amigos de los Rios	Rio Vista Nature Trail	This is the second phase following the Rio Vista Park rehabilitation.	Work is proceeding on this project. Work has been completed on the tree planting and installation of the fence and amenities. The trail opened officially in May, 2008 and ongoing monitoring of the native landscape is continuing.	567,000.00
3221	El Monte, City of	Rio Vista Park Restoration and Conservation Project	The Rio Vista Park Restoration is complete it is a project that provides the restoration and rehabilitation of Rio Vista Park complete with interpretive displays, historical depictions of the Rio Hondo.	The project is complete with the interpretive signage and native plantings in place. The park was officially reopened on June 7, 2008.	375,200.00
3590	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	RMC Project Management Services (Technical Assistance)	At the direction of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) Executive Officer, the MRCA shall perform Project Management and Technical Assistance services.	Technical services are provided by the contracts specialist, information technology specialist, and web master to promote RMC capital outlay projects.	0.00
3240	Watershed Conservation Authority	RMC Trail & Recreational Opportunities Plan	The product of this grant is a framework for the Green Visions Plan. The deliverables included a plan inventory, online plan library and map, data scan and analytical framework and workshop.	Grantee has completed Phase I and received an extension on the Bridge Funding Phase. The remaining funds of \$256,073.26 will be transferred to WCA sub-grant 03202 for a total of \$396,040	500,000.00
3624	Azusa, City of	San Gabriel Canyon Gateway Landscape Improvement Project	Phase 2 of the San Gabriel Canyon Gateway Center native landscaping, walking trails, signage, irrigation, interpretive displays and an Oak Tree Memorial Groove and Wall.	The grant was awarded on the November 26, 2007 Board meeting to complete Phase 2 of the development of the native garden on the San Gabriel Canyon Gateway Center. The project was completed in August 4, 2008 and maintenance will be provided by City and ANF	293,283.00
3477	San Gabriel River Discovery Center Authority	San Gabriel River Discovery Center	This grant contributes funds to planning and construction of a regional watershed educational center in Whittier Narrows Recreation Area.	Project conceptual planning complete, environmental process, fundraising, lease, sublease and operations agreement formation are in progress. 11-07 RMC approved special exemption to Preliminary Cost Limit.	3,000,000.00

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3567	Whittier, City of	San Gabriel River Trail Connector to Pio Pico State Historic Park	Provide for the development of construction drawings and final and complete construction of a new class two multipurpose trails.	City has been granted an extension to Feb. 2011. Budget is \$659,136. Bid plans are being revised, RMC last review pending. The City anticipates moving with design plans by late Fall 2008.	659,136.00
3573	Seal Beach, City of	San Gabriel River Trail Enhancement Development Project	The San Gabriel River Trail project is the development phase from the previous planning grant the City of Seal Beach received from RMC.	Grant augmented and extended 11/07. The City hired RBF to update 90% construction documents for the staging area at end of San Gabriel River. Anticipate Coastal Commission permit application submittal mid 2009.	2,000,000.00
3481	Long Beach, City of	San Gabriel River Walk	The San Gabriel River Walk is a project that takes an unused open space next to the western levee of the San Gabriel River and develops it into a passive park with pathways, and native landscaping.	The project was rescoped due to construction costs. Phase 1 construction should begin November 2008, with native planting during winter 2008. Grant shifted from Prop 50 to 40 May 2008	622,600.00
3595	Santa Fe Springs, City of	Santa Fe Springs Park Improvements and Development of Nature Sanctuary	This grant funds implementation of a portion of Phase I functional elements of the park, such as the walking trails and landscaping.	RMC Staff informed city on 10/10/08 of grant termination due to inconsistency with original grant submission re city's efforts to focus on southern area of park instead of northern. City staff will pursue state grant funds, R. Parkways to implement project.	600,000.00
3588	South Gate, City of	South Gate LA River Parkway Access Improvements	This project will provide access improvements to the LA River Parkway at Southern Avenue and Hollydale Park.	Grant augmented by RMC Board for \$215,000. New total \$465,000 covered cost increases. Construction is complete. Ribbon cutting 1-17-08. Final landscaping is underway and will be completed by end of Nov. 2008, under grant extension.	465,000.00

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ID#	Grantee	Project Name	Project Description	Project Status	Funding amount
3634	Watershed Conservation Authority	South Gate Riparian Habitat Acquisitions Grant	\$189K grant from RMC to WCA for acquisition of 4 parcels as part of the South Gate Riparian Habitat Restoration project.	7.6+ acre property acquired on 8/12/08 by WCA for cost of \$630K. RMC staff working on closing out the grant provided by LA County Open Space District, Prop. A. \$1.5 in development funds identified from Prop. A grant to City of South Gate.	189,000.00
3237	North East Trees	South Gate Riparian Habitat Restoration	Feasibility Study for potential acquisition and development of a small nature park.	Grant end date is March 2009 with new tasklist and focus on northern parcels. NE Trees to continue working on hydrology study, soils analysis and other design concepts for completion of grant.	500,000.00
3611	Trust for Public Land	South Gate Riparian Restoration Acquisition	The Trust for Public Land (TPL) will provide professional services related to the acquisition of a 7.6+ acre site along the Los Angeles River and a component of the South Gate Riparian Restoration project (RMC3237).	WCA acquired property on August 14, 2008. RMC has funded Northeast Trees to develop a feasibility report and conceptual plan for the site.	126,000.00
3582	Diamond Bar, City of	Sycamore Canyon Trail Phase II	The Sycamore Canyon Trail II project will construct two new trail access points along the trail as well as two class B trail heads.	The City has completed the designs and construction drawings. The City will release a request for bids for the project and awarded a contract. Construction has started to be completed in summer.	140,000.00
3291	Bellflower, City of	Train Depot Staging Area	Restoration of an historical train depot into a regional bikeway trail rest stop/staging area as well as transit facility.	Construction is complete and a grand opening was held. Final closeout billing has been submitted.	250,000.00
3635	Mountains and Recreation Conservation Authority	Urban, Mountains, and River Parkway, Capital Projects	The project management services provided through this grant to the MRCA will directly benefit the recipients of Proposition 84 grants.	Grant agreement has been executed and work is underway.	926,400.00

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ID#	Grantee	Project Name	Project Description	Project Status	Funding amount
3598	San Gabriel, City of	Vincent Lugo Park Implementation Phase I	The grant will provide matching funds to the City for implementation of Phase 1 of the Vincent Lugo Park Masterplan.	Development of construction drawings is under way and the City has resolved community issues surrounding the historic play structures at the park. Funding for Phase I implementation has been secured. Construction drawings are 80% complete.	525,023.94
3642	City of San Dimas	Walnut Creek Habitat & Open Space	The City of San Dimas assisting with the Watershed Conservation Authority's acquisition of a portion of the 60.76 acres within the riparian area of Walnut Creek.	The city has proceeded with the pre-acquisition tasks, with Phase 1, & 2 Environmental Reports, the Survey as well as appraisals.	80,000.00
3522	Watershed Conservation Authority	Walnut Creek Habitat & Open Space Acquisition Project	The project improves a public open space resource, enhances a riverfront greenway, provides enhanced accessibility to trails, and is a significant historic resource to the watershed.	The city has proceeded with the pre-acquisition tasks, with Phase 1, & 2 Environmental Reports, the Survey as well as appraisals.	8,455,000.00
3589	Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council	Watershed Assessment and Planning Opportunities	The RMC grant would provide support to the Watershed Council to prepare a concept proposal, the first step in a two-stage application process.	The grantee shall develop a project proposal for Proposition 50, Ch. 7 grant programs, host a project workshop and coordinate regional interests in the program.	9,223.29
3637	Whittier, City of	Whittier Greenway Trail Environmental Project	\$203,200 for the remediation of arsenic found on the 4.5 mile Whittier Greenway Trail.	City tested middle and last section of trail for arsenic on 10/9/08. Middle portion does not need mitigation, city waiting for results on last section. City will hire contractor if add'l mitigation is needed. Expected completion date by Nov. 30, 2008.	203,200.00
3619	Watershed Conservation Authority	Whittier Narrows Dam Recreation Area Development Plan	The WCA is working with Army Corps and other agencies to update the Master Plan that will identify sustainable, multi-benefit watershed projects to address open space, recreation and watershed needs of the region.	Wenk Assoc. has begun the development plan process including facilitating executive team, stakeholder team, and community meetings to develop the "baseline" of the WNRA, establish a vision for the plan and develop policies that will guide development.	300,000.00

DATE: October 29, 2008

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 8A: Consideration of a resolution awarding a Prop 84 grant to the Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority for the acquisition of Assessor Parcel Numbers 3210-002-012, 3210-003-007, 3210-003-008, 3210-003-009 in the Upper Santa Clara River watershed (RMC 08102).

PROGRAM AREA: Mountains Foothills

PROJECT TYPE: Acquisition

JURISDICTION: County of Los Angeles, District 5

PROJECT MANAGER: Frank Simpson

RECOMMENDATION: That the RMC award a grant in the amount of \$750,000 to Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority (MRCA) for acquisition of Assessor Parcel Numbers 3210-002-012, 3210-003-007, 3210-003-008, 3210-003-009 in the Upper Santa Clara River watershed.

Project:	Soledad Canyon CAPP Acquisitions	
Applicant:	Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority	
Program area:	Mountains Foothills	
Amount requested:	\$900,000	
Amount recommended for funding:	\$750,000	
PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA SUMMARY		
Factor	Project Score	Total Possible Points
1. Access Value	7	10
2. Cultural or Historic Resource Value	0	3
3. Educational / Interpretive Value	0	5
4. Habitat Value	35	21
5. Matching Funds	5	10
6. Public Health Value	2	12
7. Recreational Resource Value	5	13
8. Restoration Resource Value	0	3
9. Scenic Resource Value	1	2
10. Stakeholders / Partners Resource Value	2	4
11. Stewardship and Management Plan Value	3	5
12. Sustainability Value	0	6
13. Trails / Multi-use Trails	3	5
14. Urban Land Value	0	23
15. Water Resource and Quality Value	0	15
TOTAL POINTS	63	137

BACKGROUND: The Soledad Canyon Conceptual Area Protection Plan Acquisition (CAPP) project was selected as a Prop 84 Mountains Foothills Program area Tier 1 project in the analysis of proposals and recommendations presented to the RMC Board at the September 2008 RMC Board meeting. Based on the approval by the RMC Board, staff proceeded to verify the information supplied in the Step 2 application and has worked with the grantee to develop a tasklist/timeline (Exhibit A), budget (Exhibit B) and Monitoring Plan (Exhibit C) for consideration.

The proposed project would acquire four parcels in north of the Santa Clara River in Soledad Canyon (Please see Exhibits D and E) in fee simple totaling approximately 243 acres in the heart of the Angeles Linkage Conceptual Area Protection Plan (CAPP) that is designed to protect a functional regional-scale habitat linkage between the two portions of the Angeles National Forest. This habitat linkage was addressed by the South Coast Wildlands Project in its Missing Linkages program in a report, entitled, "South Coast Missing Linkages Project – A Linkage Design for the San Gabriel - Castaic Connection." The integrity of the entire Southcoast Ecoregion is dependent on wildlife being able to move from the Castaic- Sierra Pelona Mountains area across State Route 14 to the San Gabriel Mountains.

The core objectives of acquiring these 243 acres is to make the first major land acquisition in the CAPP since it was approved, secure freeway adjacent habitat by State Route 14 undercrossings, protect upper Santa Clara River watershed with unparalleled juniper and scrub-oak juniper woodland. The acquisition of these parcels will secure a large protected habitat block directly adjacent to a six-foot-square box culvert and within a few hundred feet of the critical Agua Dulce Creek thus providing wildlife access to a culvert undercrossing below Highway 14 at Agua Dulce Canyon Road. The MRCA has a conservation easement on the property at the other end of the six-foot-square box culvert. A recently published updated report, South Coast Missing Linkages: A Wildland Network for the South Coast Ecoregion, 2008, (available online at <http://www.scwildlands.org>) highlights the richness of the riparian habitat of the areas along Agua Dulce Creek south of SR-14 where the subject parcels are located (as shown in attached Exhibit E). The report also includes a discussion and recommendations for improvements to the underpass to be addressed in the future. Such improvements are addressed in the Regional Transportation Plan by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) will likely be considered in the planning of future transportation projects along this corridor.

All four subject parcels are under two signed (attached) contracts (Assessor Parcel Numbers 3210-002-012, 3210-003-007, 3210-003-008, 3210-003-009). The Riverside Land Conservancy, who have been assisting with acquisition strategies for the CAPP, would acquire the parcels and immediately transfer them to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and the City of Santa Clarita. In addition, all parcels would be further secured with conservation easements. The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) has assembled \$557,595 of cash matching funds from four sources. The sellers are on track to wait until Rivers and Mountains Conservancy funds can be made available. The project will be the first of many acquisitions resulting from more than three years of multiagency collaborative work. The Angeles Linkage CAPP came about from over two years of work and meetings amongst almost a dozen groups and agencies including by the MRCA and the RMC. A subsequent document, entitled, "East Santa Clarita Land Conservation Concept Plan and Implementation Strategy," which is designed to foster implementation of the CAPP, resulted from an additional eighteen months of multi-agency and public outreach effort. In short, implementation of the Angeles Linkage CAPP may be the most community and agency partners vetted project in Los Angeles County.

Acquisition of these parcels will maintain exceptional viewshed benefits along SR 14, will provide a major section of trail linkage between the community of Agua Dulce and the City of Santa Clarita. Over 500,000 people live within a twenty minute drive of the property. The property is located right at the full service Agua Dulce Road exit for SR 14. The property provides viewshed to the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail and to a broad swath of the Angeles National Forest. The scenic qualities of Agua Dulce Canyon Road are also preserved. The MRCA will manage the properties in cooperation with the City of Santa Clarita in concert with over 300 acres owned by the MRCA in the immediate Agua Dulce Canyon watershed area. They are low maintenance properties with a high yield of public benefit.

Monitoring the success of the project will be consistent with the management practices used by MRCA for its open space i.e. preventing the intrusion of vehicles and invasive plant species, and guaranteeing a superior trail experience for the 6,490 feet of existing County-designated multi-purpose trail with breathtaking views. The project provides an exemplary case for the RMC's policies regarding watershed protection, public trail access, and regional habitat linkages. The project meets virtually all of the key criteria for a successful Mountains/Hills project in the subject grant program.

The current land use of the property is vacant open space. The only exception is that Assessor Parcel Numbers (APN) 3210-002-012 has a significant high voltage Southern California Edison utility easement that runs east to west across the property. A dirt road provides access to the towers from Agua Dulce Canyon Road. The subject properties, APNs 3210-002-012, 3210-003-007, 3210-003-008, and 3210-003-009, are zoned A-1-1 (Light Agriculture), and R-R-1 (Resort and Recreation). These zoning designations as stipulated by the County of Los Angeles are intended to provide for a low-density residential use, recreation, amusement, and agricultural uses. The A-1-1 and R-R-1 zones require one-acre lot minimum sizes. The properties are also covered by the Santa Clarita General Plan Element, which further limits high-density development of the subject properties. Within this plan, the properties are subject to the Hillside Management (HM), Floodway/Floodplain Overlay (W), and the Non-urban Residential (N1) overlay.

Land Patents rights exists on the subject properties. The properties' full mineral rights will transfer to the buyer once acquired and will not be severed. The appraiser and a qualified MRCA staff member visited the subject properties and concluded that APNs 3210-002-012, 3210-003-007, 3210-003-008, and 3210-003-009 showed no signs of any hazardous materials or environmental problems. The four properties are currently vacant, with the exception of 3210-002-012, which has a significant high voltage Southern California Edison utility easement. There is no other evidence to indicate that the subject properties have ever had any uses except as grazing land. The four properties are free and clear of all encumbrances and lis pendis. There are no leases or agreements that affect the property, nor are there any oral agreements.

The four parcels are situated east of Agua Dulce Canyon Road as shown on the attached maps, Exhibits D and E. Acquisition of the four parcels totaling 243 acres will secure over 6,490 feet of the Vasquez Rock Connector trail on the Los Angeles County Trails Master Plan adopted as part of the Santa Clarita Community Plan by the Board of Supervisors in 2007. This trail connects City of Santa Clarita-owned open space south of SR 14 to Los Angeles County Vasquez Rocks Park. The project thus creates new access to both a regional trail and a

natural area. The proposed acquisition of 243 acres in the upper Santa Clara River watershed with an official existing trail will provide a superb site to interpret watershed stewardship and natural history via optimal natural lands management.

Funding: The recommendation is that RMC award a grant in the amount of \$ 750,000. There are three other sources of cash matching funds for the project as shown in Exhibit B. The total amount of matching funds is \$707,595 of which the City of Santa Clarita has committed \$382,595; MRCA has committed \$200,000 and a further \$125,000 has been committed by The Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation and Conservation Authority (SCWRCA), a joint powers between the City of Santa Clarita and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.

The recommended action is consistent with the following Public Resources Code Section:

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LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND RMC ADOPTED POLICIES/AUTHORITIES: The Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) statute provides in part that:

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- (c) Approve conservancy funded projects that advance the policies and priorities set forth in Section 32602.

Further, Section 32614 provides that: The conservancy may do all of the following:

- (g) Undertake, within the territory, site improvement projects, regulate public access, and revegetate and otherwise rehabilitate degraded areas, in consultation with any other

public agency with appropriate jurisdiction and expertise, in accordance with the purposes set forth in Section 32602. The conservancy may also, within the territory, upgrade deteriorating facilities and construct new facilities as needed for outdoor recreation, nature appreciation and interpretation, and natural resources protection. The conservancy may undertake those projects by itself or in conjunction with another local agency; however, the conservancy shall provide overall coordination of those projects by setting priorities for the projects and by ensuring a uniform approach to projects. The conservancy may undertake those projects with prior notification to the legislative body of the local agency that has jurisdiction in the area in which the conservancy proposes to undertake that activity.

Section 32614.5:

- (a) The conservancy may award grants to local public agencies, state agencies, federal agencies, and nonprofit organizations for the purposes of this division.
- (b) Grants to nonprofit organizations for the acquisition of real property or interests in real property shall be subject to all of the following conditions:
 - (1) The purchase price of any interest in land acquired by the nonprofit organization may not exceed fair market value as established by an appraisal approved by the conservancy.
 - (2) The conservancy approves the terms under which the interest in land is acquired.
 - (3) The interest in land acquired pursuant to a grant from the conservancy may not be used as security for any debt incurred by the nonprofit organization unless the conservancy approves the transaction.
 - (4) The transfer of land acquired pursuant to a grant shall be subject to the approval of the conservancy and the execution of an agreement between the conservancy and the transferee sufficient to protect the interests of the state.
 - (5) The state shall have a right of entry and power of termination in and over all interests in real property acquired with state funds, which may be exercised if any essential term or condition of the grant is violated.
 - (6) If the existence of the nonprofit organization is terminated for any reason, title to all interest in real property acquired with state funds shall immediately vest in the state, except that, prior to that termination, another public agency or nonprofit organization may receive title to all or a portion of that interest in real property, by recording its acceptance of title, together with the conservancy's approval, in writing.
- (c) Any deed or other instrument of conveyance whereby real property is acquired by a nonprofit organization pursuant to this section shall be recorded and shall set forth the executory interest or right of entry on the part of the state.

EXHIBIT A

Task List and Time Line Soledad Canyon Conceptual Area Protection Plan (CAPP) Acquisitions Project Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority			
Project Task Detail by		Project Phase	
		Percent % Work Complete	Month/Year
PHASE 1			
1 Project Management		95%	11/08
Pre-acquisition work 95%			
Project funding coordination 95%			
2. Escrow Closing Costs		0%	12/08
3. Acquisition of APNs 3210-002-012, 3210-003-007, 3210-003-008, 3210-003-009		0%	12/08
Project Completion		100%	12/08

EXHIBIT B

Soledad Canyon Conceptual Area Protection Plan (CAPP) Acquisitions Project Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority										
Project Task Detail by Project Phase	Project Costs				Costs by Funding Source					
	Unit Cost	Unit Measure *	Quantity	Total Amount	RMC Funding	City of Santa Clarita Funding	SCWRCA Funding	MRCA Prop 12 Funding	MRCA Prop A Excess	Check Total
	\$			1,457,595	750,000	384,095	125,000	120,000	80,000	1,459,095
PHASE 1										
1. Project Management										
Pre-acquisition work	500	LS	1	500		500				500
Project funding coordination	1,000	LS	1	1,000		1,000				1,000
Subtotal Task 1				1,500	0	1,500	0	0	0	1,500
2. Escrow Closing Costs										
Closing costs	3,500	LS	1	3,500	3,500					3,500
Subtotal Task 2				3,500	3,500	0	0	0	0	3,500
3. Acquisitions of APNs:										
3210-002-012, 3210-003-007, 3210-003-008 and 3210-003-009	1,452,000	LS	1	1,452,595	746,500	382,595	125,000	120,000	80,000	1,454,095
Subtotal Task 3				1,452,595	746,500	382,595	125,000	120,000	80,000	1,454,095
SUBTOTAL TASK 1+2+3				1,457,595	750,000	384,095	125,000	120,000	80,000	1,459,095
PROJECT GRAND TOTAL				1,457,595	750,000	384,095	125,000	120,000	80,000	1,459,095

The budget does not include a contingency plan because of the set acquisition prices.

*The abbreviations for Unit Measure mean:

EA = each

CY= Cubic yard

LS = lump sum

SF = square feet

LOT = lot

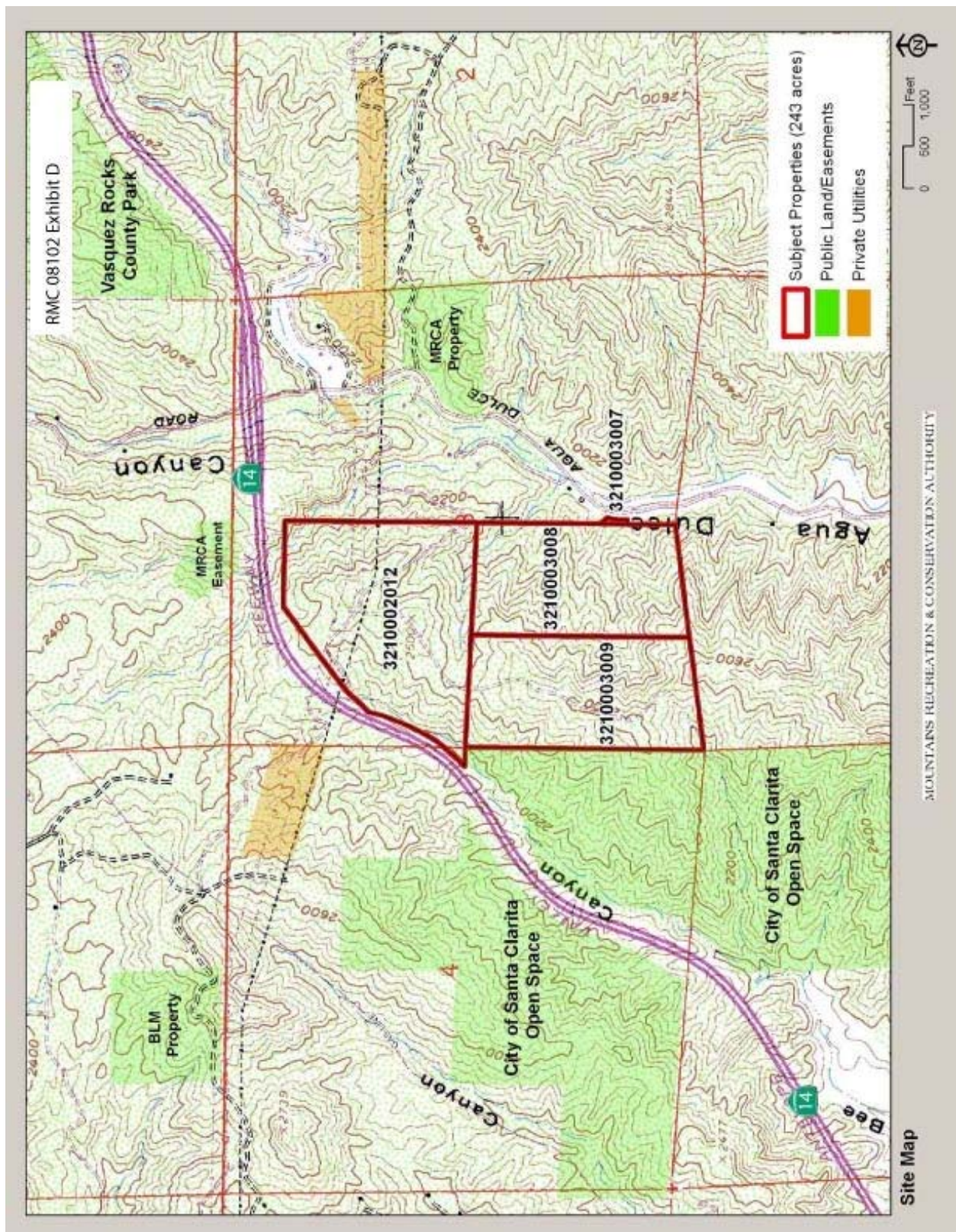
Soledad Canyon Conceptual Area Protection Plan Acquisition
RMC 08102
Exhibit C- Monitoring Plan

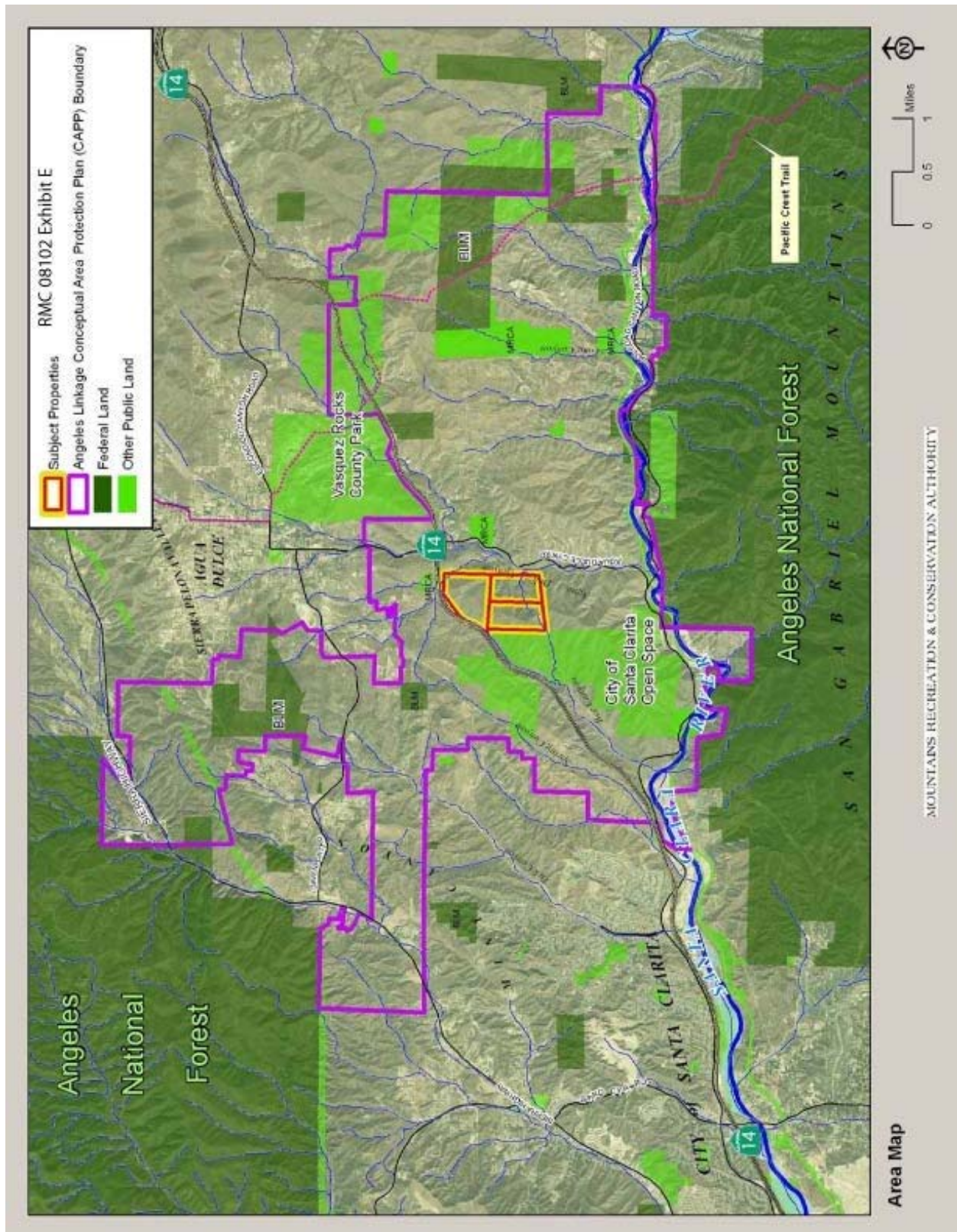
The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) will monitor all pre-acquisition documents as well as acquisition documents during the purchase of the property(s) for the Soledad Canyon Conceptual Area Protection Plan Acquisition Project.

The MRCA will operate as the permanent steward and be responsible for the ongoing maintenance and operation of the property as part of the Soledad Canyon Conceptual Area Protection Plan Acquisition Project.

The MRCA will monitor and assess the conditions of the Soledad Canyon Conceptual Area Protection Plan Acquisition Project over time ensuring that the intent of the creation of the park is met and maintained in perpetuity.

In this monitoring and assessment the MRCA will send an annual memorandum to the RMC about the habitat conditions and recreational use and access conditions of the Soledad Canyon Conceptual Area Protection Plan Acquisition Project.





October 29, 2008 – Item 8A

RESOLUTION 2008-78

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC) AWARDING A PROP 84 GRANT TO THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FOR THE ACQUISITION OF ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBERS 3210-002-012, 3210-003-007, 3210-003-008, 3210-003-009 IN THE UPPER SANTA CLARA RIVER WATERSHED (RMC08102)

WHEREAS, The RMC may award grants to local public agencies, state agencies, federal agencies, and nonprofit organizations for the purposes of Division 22.8 the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, The people of the State of California have enacted The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act Of 2006 (2006 Bond); and

WHEREAS, This action is consistent with the policies and procedures for allocation of RMC grant funds under these Bond programs; and

WHEREAS, this action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and NOW

Therefore be it resolved that, the RMC hereby:

1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Act and is necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of Section 32600 *et seq* of the Public Resources Code.
2. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
3. ADOPTS the staff report dated October 29, 2008
4. AUTHORIZES a Proposition 84 grant to the Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority in the amount of \$750,000 for the acquisition of Assessor Parcel Numbers 3210-002-012, 3210-003-007, 3210-003-008, 3210-003-009 in the Upper Santa Clara River watershed.

~ End of Resolution ~

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Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS
CONSERVANCY on October 29, 2008

Dan Arrighi, Chair

ATTEST:

Terry Fujimoto
Deputy Attorney General

DATE: October 29, 2008

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 8B: Consideration of a resolution authorizing a grant to the Trust for Public Land for Pine Avenue Park RMC08104).

PROGRAM AREA: Urban Core

PROJECT TYPE: Acquisition, Planning, and Development

JURISDICTION: City of Maywood

PROJECT MANAGER: Marybeth Vergara

Project:	Pine Avenue Park		
Applicant:	City of Maywood		
Program area:	Urban		
Amount requested:	\$523,000		
Amount recommended for funding:	\$549,289		
PROJECT EVALUATION CRITERIA SUMMARY			
Factor	Project Score	Total Possible Points	
1. Access Value	3	10	
2. Cultural or Historic Resource Value	2	3	
3. Educational / Interpretive Value	3	5	
4. Habitat Value	1	21	
5. Matching Funds	0	10	
6. Public Health Value	10	12	
7. Recreational Resource Value	13	13	
8. Restoration Resource Value	0	3	
9. Scenic Resource Value	2	2	
10. Stakeholders / Partners Resource Value	3	4	
11. Stewardship and Management Plan Value	2	5	
12. Sustainability Value	4	6	
13. Trails / Multi-use Trails	0	5	
14. Urban Land Value	17	23	
15. Water Resource and Quality Value	10	15	
TOTAL POINTS	70	137	

RECOMMENDATION: That the RMC authorize a grant in the amount of \$549,289 to the Trust for Public Land for acquisition, planning and development of Pine Avenue Park, a new community pocket park in the City of Maywood.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Pine Avenue Park is planned to be a 6,600 square foot pocket park located just north of Slauson and west of Atlantic Blvd in the City of Maywood. This grant will cover TPL's costs associated with Phase 1 for acquisition, Phase 2 for conceptual design and Phase 3, actual park construction. When fully developed, this long, narrow vacant lot surrounded by residential development will be transformed into a thriving neighborhood amenity including native landscaping, picnic tables, benches, a water play area, and a small turf area for play. This new park will also serve as a new open space amenity increasing the total number of parks in the city to a total of four.

BACKGROUND: The creation of a new park at the Pine Avenue site is part of a collective vision by the Trust for Public Land and Maywood leaders to make the city a green, livable, and park accessible city. The goal is to give all residents access to a park within a 15-minute walk of their home. As such, the placement of all proposed future parks within Maywood has this goal in mind. The location of the Pine Avenue Park is a perfect location for achieving this goal because it is in the center of Maywood and will be easily accessible for thousands of surrounding neighbors. The access value of this project is that it will provide new, much-needed green space and passive recreational access to a community that has just 0.39 acres of park space per 1,000 residents. With only three other existing parks in the City of Maywood and a population of more than 28,000 people, the addition of the Pine Avenue Park site is critical to meeting an unmet need for park access.

The Pine Avenue Park project is currently owned by the Maywood Mutual Water Company, which had used this site as a water well location (which has since been discontinued). A house on the property was removed many years ago. Because of these previous uses, there is no contamination or other environmental problems on the site. A Phase 1 environmental assessment has been completed and confirmed these findings. Since the site was once the location of a well for drinking water, the inclusion of natural surface landscape will help preserve the integrity of ground water resources. For example, the design is expected to include a pervious concrete walking path that will capture stormwater and allow it to seep into the ground for groundwater recharge and to reduce stormwater runoff. The site is also expected to include a water conservation feature in the proposed water play area which will recycle water to minimize unnecessary depletion of water resources. The use of native plants and low water plantings provides a good resource for education the public about the benefits and opportunities of drought tolerant landscaping.

This project was submitted in November 2007 by the Trust for Public Land under the RMC's 2007 Grant Program (Urban Lands). It received a total score of 70 out of a possible of 137 points. The strengths of this application is that it is located within the Urban Target Area, will add new acreage for recreational uses, and meets the criteria for immediate implementation as an acquisition as identified in the March 2004 RMC Board Meeting:

Tier 1 projects are those ready for immediate implementation that meet the following criteria:

1. *Acquisition/development projects that add NEW acreage for open space or develops NEW areas for recreational uses, and habitat creation/restoration projects that will result in NEW habitat opportunities or preservation of "threatened" habitat, consistent with the planning targets in the Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan*
2. *For acquisition projects, compelling evidence of a willing seller (e.g., via a letter of intent or option)*

3. *For development or restoration projects, compelling evidence that land tenure and all necessary permits are secured*
4. *Verifiable evidence that the project has sufficient funding resources such that the RMC grant will complete the funding package and allow immediate project implementation*

The Trust for Public Land has begun preliminary discussions with the the site's owner, Maywood Mutual Water Co. No. 2 and provided a willing seller letter for future conveyance of fee title ownership to the City of Maywood. The City will be the entity responsible for long-term ownership and management of Pine Avenue Park and will take responsibility for the operation and maintenance of this site as a park indefinitely, or at a minimum, through the 20-25 year land tenure period. The city will develop a master maintenance plan for this site once construction is complete.

Upon review and scoring of this application, staff recommended full funding in the amount of \$549,289 for the Pine Avenue Park Project as a Tier 1 project at the July 2008 Board meeting. Consistent with the Board's approval of the "next steps," staff initiated and completed negotiations with the applicant regarding this project.

TPL expects that Phase I including acquisition and conveyance to the City of Maywood will be completed by December 2008. Phase II, which will include all pre-construction elements and design including community workshops, and construction documents is expected to be completed by July 2009. Finally, the park construction is expected to begin in July 2009 and be completed by December 2009. See attached Exhibit A- Tasklist and Timeline, Exhibit B- Budget and Exhibit C-Monitoring and Assessment Plan.

Additional exhibits, including the preliminary conceptual design, are attached as Exhibit D, project location map is Exhibit E and photos of the vacant lot are identified as Exhibit F.

FISCAL INFORMATION: The total cost for the acquisition, planning and development of Pine Avenue Park as submitted by The Trust for Public Land is \$549,289. This recommended amount reflects updated budget costs submitted by TPL in the final application. The project consists of three phases including Phase 1 Acquisition and Conveyance to the City of Maywood for a total cost of \$245,000. Phase 2 Pre-Construction will include a survey, community workshops to reflect the conceptual design and construction documents for a total cost of \$51,700. Phase 3 Construction reflects a total cost of \$252,589. See attached Exhibit B- Budget.

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	Task by Month/Year (e.g. 06/08 for June 2008)											
Project Task Detail by Project Phase	Percent % Work Complete	12/08	01/09	02/09	03/09	04/09	06/09	07/09	08/09	09/09	10/09	12/09
PHASE 1/ACQUISITION												
1 ACQUISITION												
Pre-acquisition												
Phase I Environmental Review	100%											
Appraisal	100%											
Title Review	100%											
Closing/site purchase		X										
Convey to City Of Maywood		X										
PHASE 2/DESIGN												
1 PROJECT INITIATION												
Select Landscape Architect		X										
Site Visit		X										
Existing Conditions Site Analysis		X										
Obtain Topographic Survey			X									
2 CONCEPT DESIGN												
Community Workshop #1		X										
Present concept-Needs Assessment & Program Development												
Community Workshop #2			X									
Revised Concept plan(2-3) options (w/prelim. costs)												
Community Workshop #3				X								
Final concept plan /Community art, programming and construction opportunities												
3 PRELIMINARY COST ESTIMATE				X								
Prepare cost estimate-final concept plan												

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	Task by Month/Year (e.g. 06/08 for June 2008)											
Project Task Detail by Project Phase	Percent % Work Complete	12/08	01/09	02/09	03/09	04/09	06/09	07/09	08/09	09/09	10/09	12/09
4 CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS												
City review of Concept Plans				X								
50% Submittal(Drawings & Specs.)					X							
City Review Including ADA)					X							
75% Submittal (Drawings & Specs)						X						
City Review						X						
95% Submittal (Drawings & Specs)							X					
City Review							X					
Finalize Plans								X				
Finalize Specification/Bid Package								X				
100% Set								X				
Review Bids								X				
PHASE 3												
/CONSTRUCTION												
1 PRE-CONSTRUCTION								X				
Contractor Selection/Contract								X				
Permits									X			
2 SITE PREPARATION												
Rough Grading									X			
Grading & Drainage									X			
3 CONSTRUCTION										X		
Rough Plumbing/Irrigation										X		
Rough Electrical										X		
Hard Scape/Court Yard & Curbs										X		
Water Play Equipment										X		
Shade Structure Installation										X		
Fencing									X			
Soil Preparation											X	

Exhibit A-Task List and Timeline
Pine Ave Park/The Trust for Public Land - Updated 10/9/2008

	Task by Month/Year (e.g. 06/08 for June 2008)											
Project Task Detail by Project Phase	Percent % Work Complete	12/08	01/09	02/09	03/09	04/09	06/09	07/09	08/09	09/09	10/09	12/09
Fine Grading											X	
Finish Plumbing/Irrigation											X	
Finish Electrical											X	
Bench & Trash Container Installation											X	
Planting											X	
Punch list Pick-up											X	X
Final												X

BUDGET - Exhibit B
Pine Avenue Park/The Trust for Public Land - Updated 10/09/2008

		Project Costs				Costs by Funding Source		
Project Task Detail by Phase	Project	Unit Cost	Unit Measure*	Quantity	Total Amount	RMC Funding	TPL	Check Total
PHASE 1								
1a Aquisition-Phase 1								
Phase I & Appraisal		4,450	ls	1	4,450		4,450	
Purchase Price		225,000	ls	1	225,000	225,000		
Title & Escrow		5,000	ls	1	5,000	5,000		
Project Admin/legal		15,000			15,000	15,000		
PHASE 1 GRAND TOTAL					249,450	245,000	4,450	0
PHASE 2								
1a Pre-construction								
Project Initiation- Survey		2,500	ls	1	2,500	2,500		
Concept Design- Workshops/outreach	Comm.	8,500	ls	3	8,500	8,500		
Construction Docs 50%		12,000	ls	1	12,000	12,000		
Construction Docs 75%		12,000	ls	1	12,000	12,000		
Construction Docs 100%		12,000	ls	1	12,000	12,000		
Contingency(10%)		4,700	ls	1	4,700	4,700		
PHASE 2 GRAND TOTAL					51,700	51,700	0	0
PHASE 3								
Construction								
1a Permits		9,000	ls	1	9,000	9,000		
1b Construction/Landscape					179,491	179,491		
SITE PREPARATION								
Mobilization		10,000	ls	1	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000		
Clear, Grub and Rough Grade		0.50	sf	6600	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,300		
Survey Layout		1500.00	allow	1	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500		
Import fill/Soil Amendment		1.50	sf	3000	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500		
Soil prep/fine grading		0.40	sf	1428	\$ 571.20	\$ 571		
<i>Subtotal</i>					\$ 19,871.20	\$ 19,871		
UTILITIES / INFRASTRUCTURE								
Stormdrain, CBs and ADs		8,500	ls	1	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,500		
Potable waterline		\$2,000	allow	1	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000		
Lighting		\$10,000	allow	1	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000		
<i>Subtotal</i>					\$ 20,500.00	\$ 20,500		
SITE PAVING								
Pervious Concrete Paving		\$18	sf	260	\$ 4,680.00	\$ 4,680		
Entry Plaza with Special Tiles		\$15	sf	630	\$ 9,450.00	\$ 9,450		
Concrete Paving		\$15	sf	925	\$ 13,875.00	\$ 13,875		
Decomposed Granite Pathways		\$12	sf	260	\$ 3,120.00	\$ 3,120		
Rubberized Surfacing for water play		\$25	lf	375	\$ 9,375.00	\$ 9,375		
Concrete Seat Wall		\$195	lf	40	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 7,800		
<i>Subtotal</i>					\$ 48,300.00	\$ 48,300		

BUDGET - Exhibit B Pine Avenue Park/The Trust for Public Land - Updated 10/09/2008								
		Project Costs				Costs by Funding Source		
Project Task Detail by Phase	Project	Unit Cost	Unit Measure*	Quantity	Total Amount	RMC Funding	TPL	Check Total
LANDSCAPING / PLANTING								
	Turf (low water-use)	\$2.50	sf	500	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250		
	Trees (24" box)	\$475	ea	8	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,800		
	Mulch (928 sf @ 3" deep)	\$42	cy	9	\$ 378.00	\$ 378		
	Native/Low Water Planting Areas	\$9	sf	928	\$ 8,352.00	\$ 8,352		
	Wood Headers	\$3.50	lf	130	\$ 455.00	\$ 455		
	Tubular Steel Fencing	\$65	lf	40	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600		
	<i>Subtotal</i>				\$ 16,835.00	\$ 16,835		
IRRIGATION								
	Irrigation System	\$5	sf	1425	\$ 7,125.00	\$ 7,125		
	Backflow preventer	\$2,500	ea	1	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500		
	Controller	\$6,500	ea	1	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500		
	Hosebibs incl. piping	\$165	ea	4	\$ 660.00	\$ 660		
	<i>Subtotal</i>				\$ 16,785.00	\$ 16,785		
SITE FURNITURE								
	Water Play Feature	\$20,000	ea	1	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000		
	Benches (recycled or reclaimed)	\$1,200	ea	3	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,600		
	Picnic Tables (recycled or reclaimed)	\$2,000	ea	3	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000		
	Bike Rack	\$1,000	ea	1	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000		
	Barbecues	\$750	ea	1	\$ 750.00	\$ 750		
	Trash Receptacles	\$1,200	ea	2	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400		
	<i>Subtotal</i>				\$ 33,750.00	\$ 33,750		
SPECIAL FEATURES								
	Entry Feature (arch, columns, etc.)	\$7,500	allow	1	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500		
	Gazebo	\$12,000	allow	1	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000		
	Art Element (mural, sculpture, etc.)	\$3,500	allow	1	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500		
	Signage	\$450	ea	1	\$ 450.00	\$ 450		
	<i>Subtotal</i>				23,450	23,450		
	1c Project Administration	22,000	ls	1	22,000	22,000		
	1d Contingency(20%)	42,098	ls	1	42,098	42,098		
	PHASE 4 GRAND TOTAL				252,589	252,589	0	0
	TOTAL CONTINGENCY							
	Contingency (not to exceed 10% of RMC Grant)	46,798	ls	1	46,798	46,798		
	SUBTOTAL CONTINGENCY				46,798	46,798		0
	PROJECT GRAND TOTAL				553,739	549,289	4,450	0

*The abbreviations for Unit Measure mean:

BUDGET - Exhibit B Pine Avenue Park/The Trust for Public Land - Updated 10/09/2008								
		Project Costs				Costs by Funding Source		
Project Task Detail by Phase	Project	Unit Cost	Unit Measure*	Quantity	Total Amount	RMC Funding	TPL	Check Total

EA = each
CY = cubic yard
LS = lump sum
SF = square feet
LOT = lot

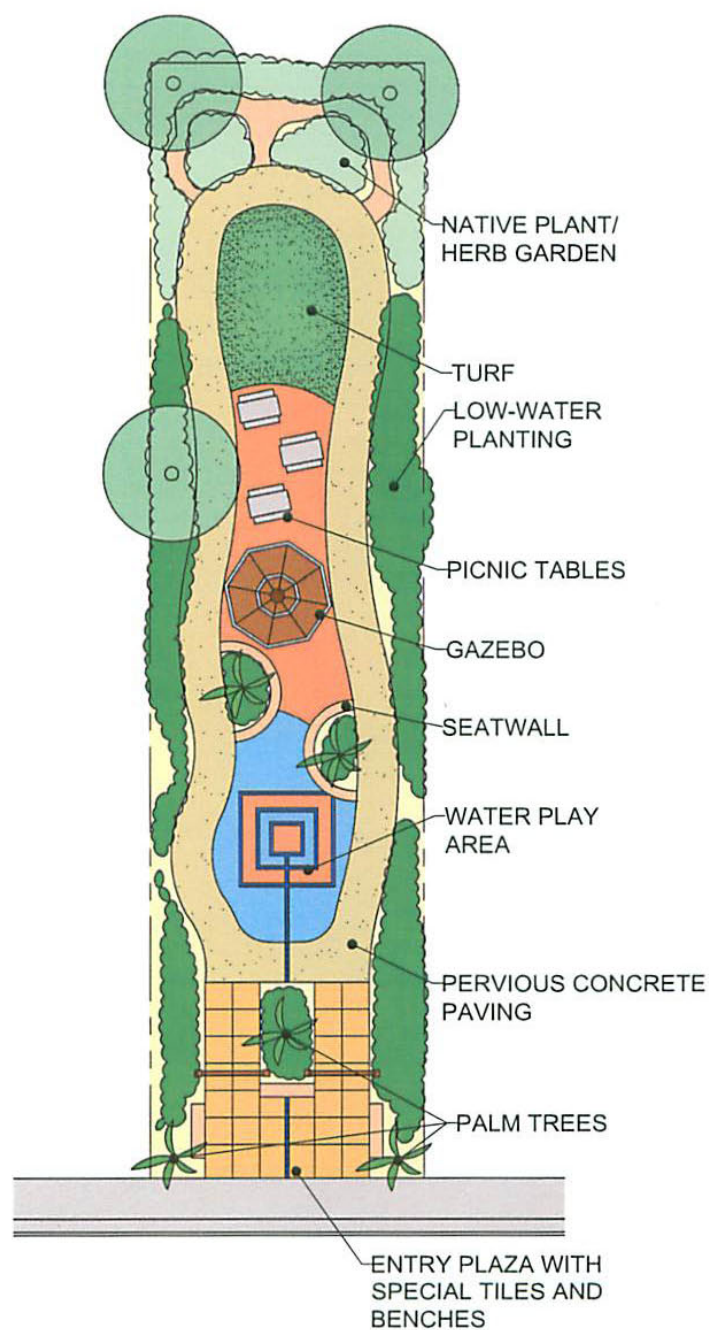
**EXHIBIT C
PINE AVENUE PARK
MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT PLAN**

The Trust for Public Land will be responsible for the design and development of the Pine Avenue Park. The Project Manager will be responsible for the coordination of the TPL team including our in-house landscape architect and coordination with City of Maywood officials and community members. The Project Manager will conduct status update meetings no less than twice a month with the project landscape architect and the appropriate City of Maywood planning personnel.

The Project Manager will arrange and promote community outreach meeting to garner local input on the design and development of the Park. In addition TPL will coordinate with City police and park maintenance personnel to ensure that City concerns for public safety and long term maintenance are addressed in the design plan.

The TPL landscape architect will conduct site visits during construction as needed but not less than once per week. In addition she will maintain constant contact with the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy's Project Analyst assigned to the project to assure that all required design requirements are strictly adhered to.

Exhibit D- Conceptual Design



CONCEPTUAL DESIGN

5313 PINE STREET
MAYWOOD, CA
NOVEMBER 2007
THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND



Exhibit E- Location Map

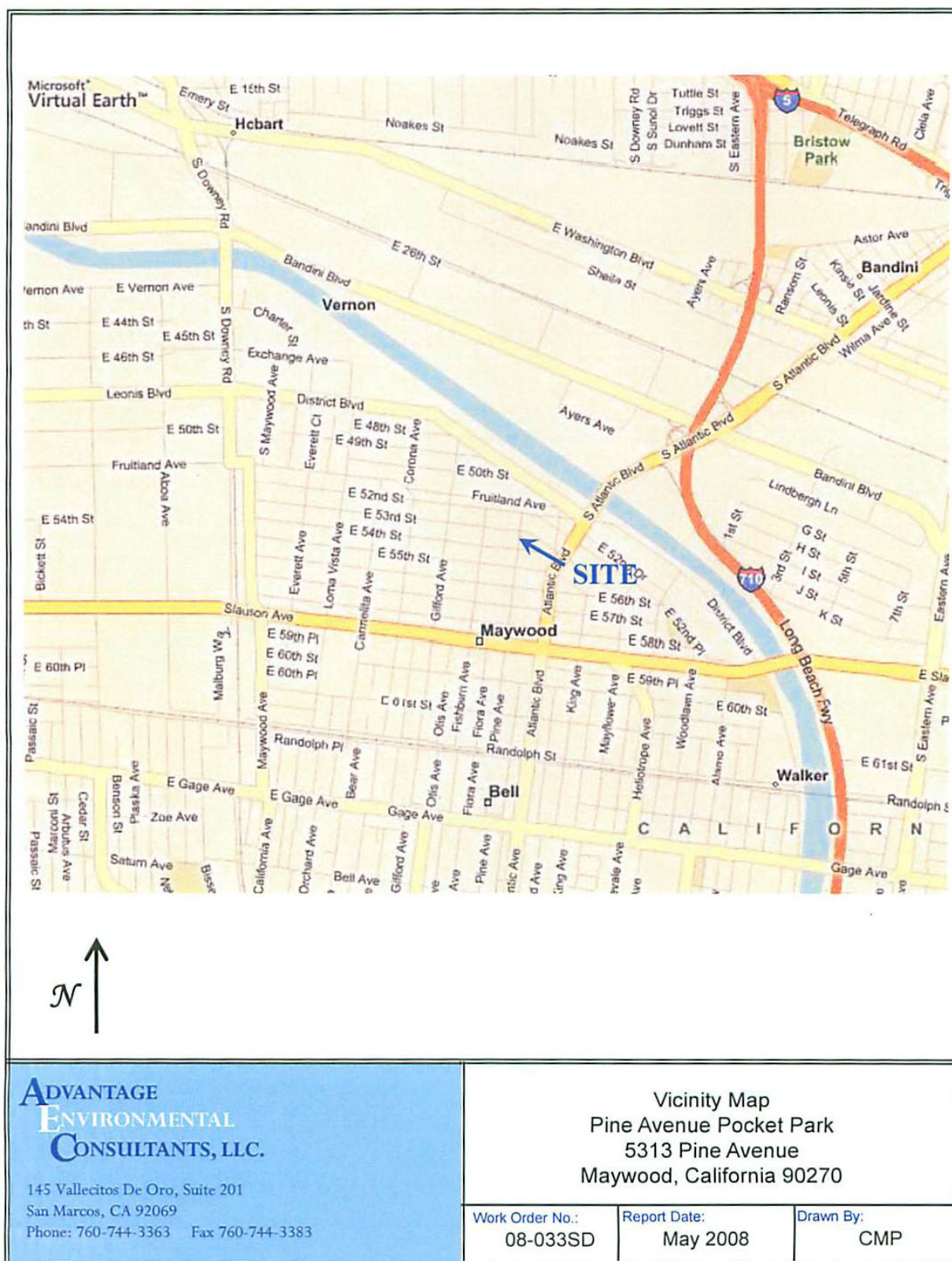


Exhibit F- Location Photos



This 6,600 square foot vacant lot has the wonderful potential to be transformed into a thriving neighborhood amenity known as the Maywood Avenue Park. The vision for this park includes native landscaping, picnic tables, benches, a water play area, and a small turf area for play. The entrance to this new park will be decorated with a welcoming entry plaza designed with special tiles created by local residents.

This park will serve an extremely dense urban community in the City of Maywood. With only 10.83 acres of existing park space in the City, this city is drastically underserved with park and open space acres, having less just 0.39 acres per thousand residents.

October 29, 2008 - Item 8B

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-79

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES
RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC) AUTHORIZING A
GRANT TO THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND FOR PINE AVENUE PARK
(RMC 08102)

WHEREAS, The legislature has found and declared that the San Gabriel River and its tributaries, the Lower Los Angeles River and its tributaries, and the San Gabriel Mountains, Puente Hills, and San Jose Hills constitute a unique and important open space, environmental, anthropological, cultural, scientific, educational, recreational, scenic, and wildlife resource that should be held in trust to be preserved and enhanced for the enjoyment of, and appreciation by, present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, The people of the State of California have enacted the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006, which provides funds for the RMC grant program; and

WHEREAS, The RMC may award grants to local public agencies, state agencies, federal agencies, and nonprofit organizations for the purposes of Division 22.8 the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, The Applicant has submitted a project which is consistent with the purposes of Division 22.8 of the Public Resources Code and the Bond Act; and

WHEREAS, this action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and NOW

Therefore be it resolved that the RMC hereby:

1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Act and is necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of Division 22.8 of the Public Resources Code.
2. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
3. ADOPTS the staff report dated October 29, 2008.
4. APPROVES a grant from Prop 84 to the Trust for Public Land for Pine Avenue Park (RMC 08102) in the amount not to exceed \$549,289.

~ End of Resolution ~

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Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS
CONSERVANCY on October 29, 2008

Dan Arrighi, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Terry Fujimoto
Deputy Attorney General

DATE: October 29, 2008

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 8C: Consideration of a resolution authorizing a grant amendment to the Watershed Conservation Authority for the Walnut Creek Habitat and Open Space project (RMC3522).

PROGRAM AREA: Rivers and Tributaries

PROJECT TYPE: Acquisition

JURISDICTION: County of Los Angeles, District 5

PROJECT MANAGER: Jane Beesley

RECOMMENDATION: That the RMC authorize a resolution authorizing a grant amendment to the Watershed Conservation Authority for the Walnut Creek Habitat and Open Space project (RMC3522) to provide \$25,000 for legal services within the total grant amount of \$ \$8,455,000.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This action will allocate \$25,000 to legal services from the total amount held for contingency of \$30,000. A total of \$5,000 will remain in the budget for contingency. The potential purpose of this action will be to defend any possible legal actions that may be filed regarding this project.

BACKGROUND: Please see attached staff report dated September 22, 2008 for detailed background on this project (Exhibit A). In July 2008 the RMC approved a grant to the Watershed Conservation Authority in the amount of \$5,920,000 for the acquisition of the Walnut Creek Habitat and Open Space project. Subsequently, in September of 2008 the RMC approved an amendment to the grant increasing the grant in the amount of \$2,565,000 not to exceed a total of \$8,455,000.

The City of San Dimas has committed \$1 million towards this project to purchase approximately 6.9 acres adjacent to the City's Loma Vista Park. As a part of this purchase the City will also be granting an access easement through Loma Vista Park and the new acquisition for the WCA's Vista Verde park project (see Exhibit B- Park map with City property delineated). This easement will allow for access for the purposes of operations and maintenance, this easement will also provide joint public access to the park.

RMC and City staff engaged representatives of the adjoining landowner, the Taiwan Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation, U.S.A. (Foundation) regarding their interest in a full range of partnership options including purchasing a portion of the property from the onset of discussions with the City regarding this project. The Foundation representatives were informed by City staff that the City and WCA were proceeding with acquisition of the entire site strictly for park and open space purposes but would work with the Foundation and other stakeholders during the planning process to identify mutually beneficial uses of the site.

On October 6, 2008 the Foundation's legal counsel, Manatt, wrote a letter to the City of San Dimas and copied the WCA. Further, the WCA received a letter dated October 17, 2008

requesting certain documents and that the acquisition be delayed pending further analysis. Staff Counsel's response to this letter is attached and in essence advises the Foundation that WCA will proceed with the acquisition and does not agree that there is any basis for delaying this action. In order to be prepared to address potential litigation on this matter RMC Staff Counsel has further advised that the WCA retain outside legal counsel for this purpose. With this development the WCA is requesting a change in the budget allocation for contingency, moving \$25,000 from the contingency line item to the legal services line item.

FISCAL INFORMATION: The RMC approved a grant to the WCA in the amount of \$8,455,000 for acquisition, planning and related expenses; this amendment will allocate \$25,000 for legal services by reducing the same amount set aside for contingency as shown in the attached Exhibit C.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND RMC ADOPTED POLICIES/AUTHORITIES: On July 28, 2008 the RMC adopted Resolution 2008-62 authorized a grant in the amount of \$5,920,000 for the Walnut Creek Open Space & Habitat project. This action also included negation, due diligence and acquisition of the Vista Verde Property.

On September 22, 2008 the RMC adopted Resolution 2008-76 authorized a grant amendment in the amount of \$2,565,000 for the Walnut Creek Open Space & Habitat project.

DATE: September 22, 2008

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 8C: Consideration of a resolution; 1) authorizing a grant amendment to the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) for the Walnut Creek Habitat & Open Space project (RMC3522); and 2) further recommending that the Watershed Conservation Authority acquire the Vista Verde property and sell approximately 6.5 acres to the City of San Dimas for park and open space purposes; and 3) authorizing such F/Y 2008/2009 budget amendments as may be necessary.

PROGRAM AREA: Rivers and Tributaries

PROJECT TYPE: Acquisition

JURISDICTION: County of Los Angeles, District 5

PROJECT MANAGER: Jane Beesley

RECOMMENDATION: That the RMC authorize a resolution; 1) authorizing a grant amendment to the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) for the Walnut Creek Habitat & Open Space project (RMC3522) increasing the funding an additional \$2,565,000 for a grant total of \$8,455,000; and 2) further recommending that the Watershed Conservation Authority acquire the Vista Verde property and sell approximately 6.5 acres to the City of San Dimas for park and open space purposes; and 3) authorizing such F/Y 2008/2009 budget amendments as may be necessary including extending the Timeline for the project to October 1, 2009.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Acquisition of approximately 54 acres by the Watershed Conservation Authority adjacent to Bonelli Park and within the riparian area of Walnut Creek and west of the 57 Fwy known as the Vista Verde property, in unincorporated Los Angeles County, 5th District, surrounded by the City of San Dimas.

BACKGROUND: The origin of the state college that is now known as Cal Poly Pomona was the southern branch of Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. The San Dimas branch of Cal Poly had been previously owned by Charles B. Voorhis, one of the early executives of General Motors. He purchased the 157-acre ranch in March 1927 to found a school for underprivileged boys. This school operated until 1936 when Voorhis offered to donate the school to another worthwhile cause. The ranch was transferred in 1938 and became known as the Voorhis Unit of Cal Poly. Cal Poly (Voorhis) and had students at this site from 1938 to 1956. Due to severe overcrowding at the San Dimas campus, classes were then moved to the current campus site, formerly property of the Kellogg Ranch. The original Voorhis campus was situated on 133 acres of oak-dotted hills and mesa. This property was eventually sold to the Pacific Coast Bible College.

In 2001 the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation applied to Resources Agency for a grant to improve the county trails through this area of riparian and oak woodland habitat near Walnut Creek. This project was added to the RMC Workprogram in 2002; the County had made the RMC aware of the project but did not apply for funds. Since that time the property has been split and currently 2/3 of the original acreage is owned by the Tzu Chi

Foundation. The Tzu Chi Foundation is an education and international humanitarian relief organization. The other 1/3 is currently owned by the Vista Verde San Dimas Avenue LLC. They currently have a 70 residential unit development proposal for the site. The City of San Dimas asked the RMC for assistance in this acquisition due to the significant natural resources that would be threatened by the proposed development

The Antonovich Equestrian Trail runs adjacent to the property, it is a well used trail that runs many miles and ties into the Schabarum Trail that runs throughout the county from La Verne to Rowland Height and on to Long Beach and Seal Beach.

In September 2007 the RMC recommended that the Watershed Conservation Authority enter into negotiations for acquisition of approximately 60.76 acres adjacent to Bonelli Park and within the riparian area of Walnut Creek and west of the 57 Fwy know as the Vista Verde property, in unincorporated Los Angeles County, 5th District, surrounded by the City of San Dimas (See Exhibit A vicinity map). Since that time the WCA has worked actively with the City of San Dimas, the landowner (Vista Verde San Dimas Avenue LLC) and staff from Supervisor Antonovich's Office. An appraisal has been completed and been reviewed by the Department of General Services (DGS), Real Estate Services Section. The appraisal and its supplemental analysis show the value of the property to be \$9,240,000. The Real Estate Services Section of DGS finds the appraisal with its supplemental analysis supported and this memo is on file.

A field survey was conducted by staff on September 9, 2008 of the Vista Verde site to determine the existing natural resources and further evaluate the 1999 Biological Assessment developed for the Vista Verde Ranch EIR. The site supports diverse undisturbed natural habitats and an assemblage of plant communities including, Coast Live Oak Woodland, Coastal Sage Scrub, Riverine Riparian Wetlands and Eucalyptus grove. These plant communities are varied throughout the site but most importantly these plant communities are well developed and only some minimal amounts of non-native plant species, which provides high quality habitat for a diverse, amount wildlife species. Additionally since the site has been uninhabited for several decades, even the infrastructure such as the paved areas and the landscaped areas show natural signs of ecological succession, several saplings such as Laurel sumac (*Malosma laurina*), holly leaved cherry (*Prunus ilicifolia*) and sugar bush (*Rhus ovate*) were observed throughout the site.

This site also represents a critical wildlife movement corridor; Walnut Creek Park facilitates wildlife species movement from the west to the open space within Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park. This canyon is one of several large parcels of land that comprise a greenbelt which extends from Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park along Walnut Creek to the San Gabriel River. As such, animals in the canyon below can feasibly move as far westward as the coast of California.

In July 2008 the RMC approved a grant to the Watershed Conservation Authority in the amount of \$5,920,000 for the acquisition of the Walnut Creek Habitat and Open Space project. Since that time the City of San Dimas and staff have been obtaining the due diligence items and researching potential sources for additional funding. The purchase agreement with the current owners, Vista Verde San Dimas Avenue Property LLC, and the WCA has been executed and escrow has been opened. A survey of the property is complete. The Phase 1 Environmental Assessment has been completed, however there are will need to be a Phase 2 completed in the area surrounding an old incinerator where initial testing shows that lead, arsenic, copper and other heavy metals are in the existing ash. The acquisition will be contingent on further analysis and resolution of the clean-up &/or costs with the current owner.

The City of San Dimas has committed \$1 million towards this project to purchase approximately 6.5 acres adjacent to the City's Loma Vista Park. As a part of this purchase the City will also be granting an access easement through Loma Vista Park and the new acquisition for the WCA's Vista Verde park project (see Exhibit B- Park map with City property delineated). This easement will become the entrance to the park for purposes of operations, maintenance as well as for potential income from nursery operations on the old orchard site and eventually access for users of the park.

The WCA will operate and maintain the property utilizing its current revenue sources from the Duck Farm and the Azusa River Wilderness Park, as well as the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Rangers, the WCA staff property manager, LA County camp crews and the Conservation Corps. Once acquisition is complete the property will be secured and cleared of any debris, the initial phase of operations will be for daily patrols and ongoing graffiti abatement, trash pick-up, security and ongoing community relations. Staff will amend the WCA FY 08/09 budget to adjust it for these additional expenses at the next meeting. With this grant funding the WCA will also commence the planning for the park that may take up to 9 months to complete and will include community groups, agency, private businesses and other stakeholders in the area.

This acquisition is a significant commitment of funds from the RMC which is justified by the rich, diverse undisturbed biological resources on this property located in the Walnut Creek watershed within the San Jose Hills. This acquisition will secure one of several large parcels of land that comprise a greenbelt which extends from Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park along Walnut Creek to the San Gabriel River. As such, animals in the canyon below can feasibly move as far westward as the coast of California. The San Jose Hills have been identified as a target area of the Mountain, Hills and Foothills Program Area; there were no projects in the current grant round from the San Jose Hills.

URGENCY: The Urgency Criteria as adopted on January 22, 2007 is as follows:

1. A delay in recommending the action will result in loss of a matching funds opportunity.
2. A delay in recommending the action will result in a lost opportunity for projects which are already part of a RMC programmatic objective.
3. A delay in recommending the action will result in a lost opportunity to apply for other funds to promote RMCs' programmatic and policy objectives.

This project falls under the urgency criteria set by the RMC because of the strong development threat and the current short fall in funds to complete this acquisition. A delay in recommending the action will result in a lost opportunity for projects which are already part of the RMC programmatic objective (See Exhibit C- letter from the Watershed Conservation Authority).

FISCAL INFORMATION: While the total purchase price of the 60.76 acres is \$9,240,000, the property will be split with the WCA retaining approximately 54 acres that consists of the habitat portions that tie into the Antonovich Trail and the riparian area of Walnut Creek. The City of San Dimas is authorizing \$1,000,000 for purchase of approximately 6.5 acres adjacent to its Loma Vista Park. In July of 2008 the RMC approved a grant to the City of San Dimas in the amount of \$80,000 to complete the pre-acquisition tasks for this project. Although the initial plan for securing the additional \$2,565,000 was to secure funding from the County of Los Angeles, these resources are unavailable in the short timeline necessary to secure this acquisition. This grant is for funding that will be awarded to the WCA from the RMC in the additional amount of \$2,565,000 for a total funding from the RMC on this project not to exceed \$8,455,000. With

additional funding from the City the total amount for this phase of the project is \$9,535,000 (See attached Exhibit D-Timeline & Budget Revised 9/22/08).

Funding for this project will be allocated from Prop 84:

75050. The sum of nine hundred twenty eight million dollars (\$928,000,000) shall be available for the protection and restoration of rivers, lakes and streams, their watersheds and associated land, water, and other natural resources in accordance with the following schedule:... (g) The sum of seventy two million dollars (\$72,000,000) shall be available for projects within the watersheds of the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers according to the following schedule:

(1) \$36,000,000 to the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy pursuant to Division 22.8 (commencing with Section 32600).....

75060. The sum of five hundred forty million dollars (\$540,000,000) shall be available for the protection of beaches, bays and coastal waters and watersheds, including projects to prevent contamination and degradation of coastal waters and watersheds, projects to protect and restore the natural habitat values of coastal waters and lands, and projects and expenditures to promote access to and enjoyment of the coastal resources of the state, in accordance with the following schedule:.... (3) To the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.....\$15,000,000.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND RMC ADOPTED POLICIES/AUTHORITIES: The Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) statute provides in part that:

Section 32602: There is in the Resources Agency, the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, which is created as a state agency for the following purposes:

- (a) To acquire and manage public lands within the Lower Los Angeles River and San Gabriel River watersheds, and to provide open-space, low-impact recreational and educational uses, water conservation, watershed improvement, wildlife and habitat restoration and protection, and watershed improvement within the territory.
- (b) To preserve the San Gabriel River and the Lower Los Angeles River consistent with existing and adopted river and flood control projects for the protection of life and property.
- (c) To acquire open-space lands within the territory of the conservancy.

32602. There is in the Resources Agency, the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, which is created as a state agency for the following purposes:....

(b) To preserve the San Gabriel River and the Lower Los Angeles River consistent with existing and adopted river and flood control projects for the protection of life and property.

Section 32604: The conservancy shall do all of the following:

Section 32614: The conservancy may do all of the following:

- (b) Enter into contracts with any public agency, private entity, or person necessary for the proper discharge of the conservancy's duties, and enter into a joint powers agreement with a public agency, in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Section 32602.
- (e) Enter into any other agreement with any public agency, private entity, or person necessary for the proper discharge of the conservancy's duties for the purposes set forth in Section 32602.

Section 32614.5:

- (a) The conservancy may award grants to local public agencies, state agencies, federal agencies, and nonprofit organizations for the purposes of this division.
- (b) Grants to nonprofit organizations for the acquisition of real property or interests in real property shall be subject to all of the following conditions:
 - (1) The purchase price of any interest in land acquired by the nonprofit organization may not exceed fair market value as established by an appraisal approved by the conservancy.
 - (2) The conservancy approves the terms under which the interest in land is acquired.
 - (3) The interest in land acquired pursuant to a grant from the conservancy may not be used as security for any debt incurred by the nonprofit organization unless the conservancy approves the transaction.
 - (4) The transfer of land acquired pursuant to a grant shall be subject to the approval of the conservancy and the execution of an agreement between the conservancy and the transferee sufficient to protect the interests of the state.
 - (5) The state shall have a right of entry and power of termination in and over all interests in real property acquired with state funds, which may be exercised if any essential term or condition of the grant is violated.
 - (6) If the existence of the nonprofit organization is terminated for any reason, title to all interest in real property acquired with state funds shall immediately vest in the state, except that, prior to that termination, another public agency or nonprofit organization may receive title to all or a portion of that interest in real property, by recording its acceptance of title, together with the conservancy's approval, in writing.
- (c) Any deed or other instrument of conveyance whereby real property is acquired by a nonprofit organization pursuant to this section shall be recorded and shall set forth the executory interest or right of entry on the part of the state.

Government Code Section 6500 provides in part that: "a "public agency" includes, but is not limited to, the federal government or any federal department or agency, this state, another state or any state department or agency, a county, county board of education, county superintendent of schools, city, public corporation, public district, regional transportation commission of this state or another state, or any joint powers authority formed pursuant to this article by any of these agencies. Section 6502 further provides that "If authorized by their legislative or other governing bodies, two or more public agencies by agreement may jointly exercise any power common to the contracting parties, even though one or more of the contracting agencies may be located outside this state.

On April 24, 2003 the RMC adopted Resolution 2003-11 authorizing a Joint Powers Agreement between the RMC and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District establishing the Watershed Conservation Authority created for the purposes of providing a comprehensive program to expand and improve the open space and recreational opportunities for the conservation, restoration and environmental enhancement of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers Watershed area consistent with the goals of flood protection, water supply, groundwater recharge and water conservation.

On July 28, 2008 the RMC adopted Resolution 2008-62 authorized a grant in the amount of \$5,920,000 for the Walnut Creek Open Space & Habitat project. This action also included negotiation, due diligence and acquisition of the Vista Verde Property.

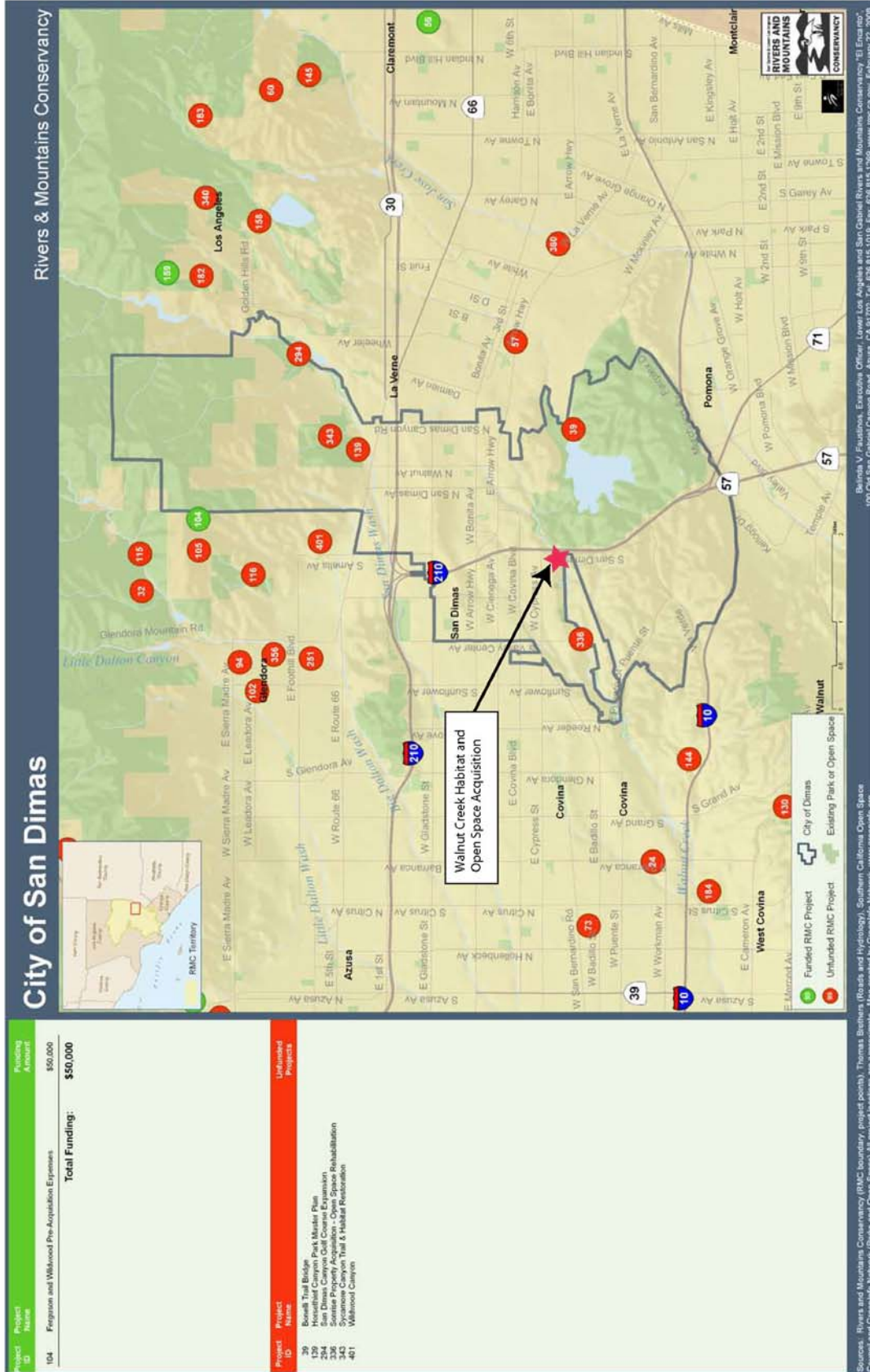


EXHIBIT B

**Vista Verde Preliminary Proposal
DRAFT—August 15, 2008**



EXHIBIT C

Item 8C
Walnut Creek Habitat and Open Space Acq Project
Amended Budget

Exhibit C- Budget RMC3522				
Task	City of San Dimas Grant from RMC & City Funds	WCA Budget	WCA Proposed Amendment	Total Project Budget
Survey	\$50,000			\$50,000
Legal Descriptions				
Appraisal & Review	\$15,000			\$15,000
Phase 1 Env Assessment	\$10,000			\$10,000
Land Acquisition	\$1,000,000	\$8,240,000	\$8,240,000	\$9,240,000
Escrow Costs	\$5,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$20,000
Securing Property		\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Planning	In Kind	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Legal Fees			\$25,000	\$25,000
Contingency		\$30,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Total	\$1,080,000	\$8,455,000	\$8,455,000	\$9,535,000
Shaded Area: Shift \$25,000 from Contingency to Legal Fees				

October 29, 2008 - Item 8C

RESOLUTION NO. 2008- 80

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC) AUTHORIZING A GRANT AMENDMENT TO THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY FOR THE WALNUT CREEK HABITAT AND OPEN SPACE PROJECT (RMC3522).

WHEREAS, The legislature has found and declared that the San Gabriel River and its tributaries, the Lower Los Angeles River and its tributaries, and the San Gabriel Mountains, Puente Hills, and San Jose Hills constitute a unique and important open space, environmental, anthropological, cultural, scientific, educational, recreational, scenic, and wildlife resource that should be held in trust to be preserved and enhanced for the enjoyment of, and appreciation by, present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District ("DISTRICT"), is a flood control district, whose purpose is to provide for the control and conservation of the flood, storm and other waste waters of said district, to conserve such waters for beneficial and useful purposes and to protect from damage from such flood or storm waters, the harbors, waterways, public highways and property; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of both the RMC and the DISTRICT to provide for a comprehensive program to expand and improve the open space and recreational opportunities for the conservation, restoration and environmental enhancement of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers Watershed area consistent with the goals of flood protection, water supply, groundwater recharge and water conservation; and

WHEREAS, The Watershed Conservation Authority has been established as a joint powers agency between the RMC and the District to implement projects which will provide open space, habitat restoration, and watershed improvement projects in both the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers watershed; and

WHEREAS, The people of the State of California have enacted the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006, which provides funds for the RMC grant program; and

WHEREAS, The RMC may award grants to local public agencies, state agencies, federal agencies, and nonprofit organizations for the purposes of Division 22.8 the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, The Applicant has submitted a project which is consistent with the purposes of Division 22.8 of the Public Resources Code and the Bond Act; and

WHEREAS, this action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and NOW

Therefore be it resolved that the RMC hereby:

1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Act and is necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of Division 22.8 of the Public Resources Code.
2. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
3. APPROVES the grant amendment to the Watershed Conservation Authority for the Walnut Creek Habitat & Open Space project (RMC 3522) to allocate \$25,000 to legal services within the total grant amount of \$8,455,000.
4. ADOPTS the staff report dated October 29, 2008.

~ End of Resolution ~

Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS
CONSERVANCY on October 29, 2008

Dan Arrighi, Chair

ATTEST:

Terry Fujimoto
Deputy Attorney General

DATE: October 29, 2008

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 8D: Consideration of resolution recommending that the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) apply for funding under the Resources Agency Prop 84 River Parkways and Urban Streams Restoration Grant Program for the Duck Farm Phase 1A Implementation Project (RMC 3609).

PROGRAM AREA: Rivers and Tributaries

PROJECT TYPE: Development

JURISDICTION: Unincorporated Los Angeles County, District 1

RECOMMENDATION: That the RMC recommend that the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) apply for a grant in an amount not to exceed \$2.7 million under the Resources Agency Prop 84 River Parkways and Urban Streams Restoration Grant Program.

PROJECT'S DESCRIPTION: Funding proposed in this application will be for appropriate elements of the Phase 1A Duck Farm Concept Plan for River Parkways and Urban Stream Restoration available through the Resources Agency for projects that meet the grant criteria.

BACKGROUND: The Duck Farm Phase 1A project is the culmination of efforts and partnerships between the WCA and a number of agencies and organizations. The Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club has long been a strong advocate for open space expansion and it was largely through their efforts that the Duck Farm and Emerald Necklace came to the attention of funding agencies. The Trust for Public Land is another organization that played a pivotal role in the acquisition of the Duck Farm before the purchase by the WCA with funding from The State Resources Agency and the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.

The Duck Farm is a high priority project for the RMC and WCA, a joint powers authority of the RMC and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District and thus represents a major formative step in realizing the goals of both agencies to increase open space, enhance recreational opportunities and promote environmental conservation. Because of its unique size (57Acres) and location along the San Gabriel River, the Duck Farm is one of the projects highlighted in the San Gabriel River Master Plan (SGRMP) and has been strongly supported by all the SGRMP stakeholders.

In addition, as a key component of the Emerald Necklace, it represents an important project to all of the Emerald Necklace supporters and stakeholders. WCA conducted extensive stakeholder and community involvement programs in the development of the Duck Farm Phase 1 Concept Plan engaging vested key stakeholders and community members in three separate workshops to identify community needs and to maximize the opportunities offered by this project location.

The Duck Farm Phase 1A project, 37.5 acres, is the first phase of a multi-phase project on 57 acres on the east bank of the San Gabriel River that will realize the multi-benefit goals of a wide array of stakeholders. The goals of Phase 1A Duck Farm project are to provide much needed

passive recreation in a natural setting for the surrounding community of the area and an improved gateway to the San Gabriel River Parkway and Emerald Necklace. **Phase 1A** will include public access by means of a trail connecting the east and west parcels of the project site leading to the initial phase 1A segments of the river promenade to the San Gabriel River, 14 acres of riparian landscape, a neighborhood pocket/community garden, native plant nursery, a wildflower meadow and a river outlook. (See Exhibit A)

The **Phase 1A** project components are as follows:

- The new entrance at Proctor Street would include a public entrance gate, landscaping, and park signage. Improvements will consist of widening the existing access to facilitate a two lane access road. The existing I-605 Freeway underpass connecting the east and west sides of the property will be improved to provide safe pedestrian trail access between the East Parcel and the North Parcel of the Duck Farm site. This would include resurfacing, drainage improvements, and lighting. No structural changes or widening of the underpass would occur. A temporary dirt "trail head" parking lot would be developed on the East Parcel. The lot would provide approximately 20 parking spaces. A 150-space lot would be developed at this location in a future park phase.
- A Pocket Park will be located on the east side of the property adjacent to the parking. This will serve the passive recreation needs of the local community.
- Trails will connect the improved entrance at Proctor Street through the under pass, along the Riparian Corridor to the wildflower meadow to the river overlook.
- 14-16 acres of riparian vegetation will provide a landscape backdrop for the trail and lay a foundation for a riparian corridor that will be part of a future phase.
- A 3.5 acre Wildflower Meadow will provide areas for passive recreation, picnicking and fitness stations.
- A River Edge Promenade and Overlook will provide viewing opportunities along the river edge including interpretive exhibits on the role of the San Gabriel River in the watershed.

Specific elements currently designated as Phase 1A above may need to be exchanged with comparable Phase 1B (See Exhibit A) elements if a planned Southern California Edison transmission tower upgrade conflicts with implementation as currently phased. However, staff is confident that based on representations made by key SCE representatives the adopted conceptual plan can be implemented as designed. At present the only significant issue remaining regarding the transmission tower upgrades relates to the monopoles which WCA staff has requested be placed underground.

CEQA documentation for Phase 1 is complete. The native plant nursery will be operated as a business venture by a qualified business or non-profit organization. WCA has had a number of discussions with Los Angeles Conservation Corps (LACC) regarding their interest in operating a landscape and nursery venture at the Duck Farm. LACC is currently developing a business plan for the venture.

Phase 1A total cost estimate prepared in 2006 has been updated to reflect 2008 dollars employing a 5% per year escalation factor. (See Exhibit B)

FISCAL INFORMATION: The status of funding for the Duck Farm Phase 1A project is as follows:

Phase 1A total cost	\$5,283,845
County of Los Angeles District 1 Prop A funding	\$147,477

Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Prop 40, Prop 50	\$1,987,389
EPA Supplemental Environmental Project	\$468,750
Shortfall	\$2,680,229

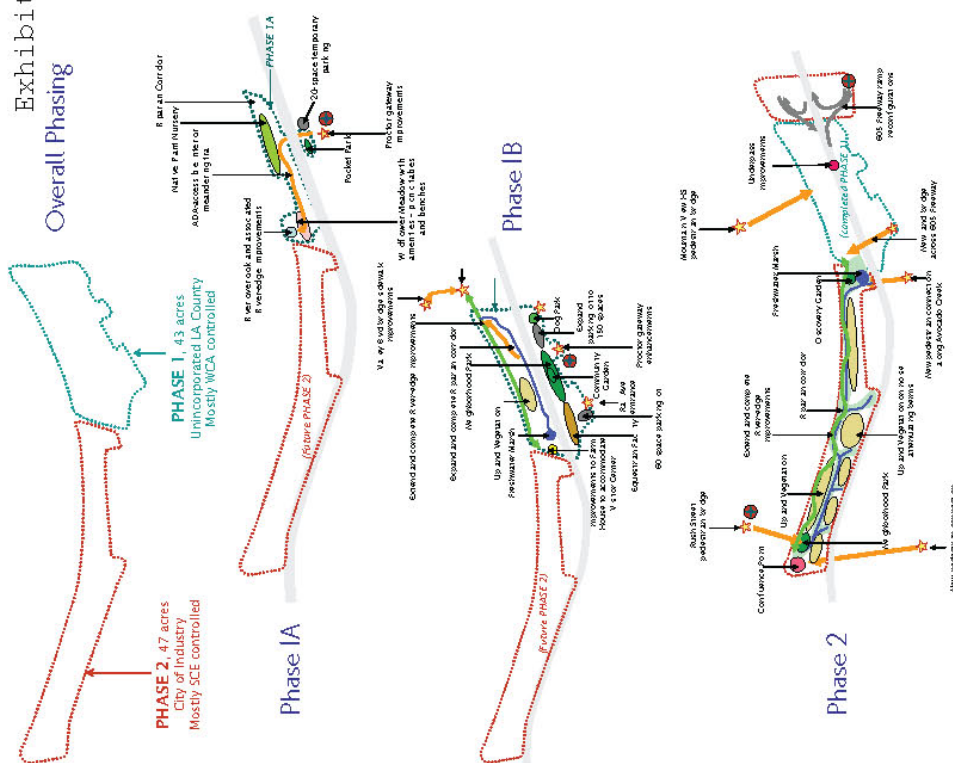
The RMC has contracted with a consultant to assist staff in identifying budget elements which will be the most competitive under this program. Further, given our prior experience in applying for these funds the application will clearly identify those elements most suited for the River Parkway program and Urban Streams program respectfully.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND RMC ADOPTED POLICIES/AUTHORITIES: Resolution 2007-41 Recommended that the WCA adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Duck Farm Phase 1 Project.

Resolution 2007-25 approved an RMC grant in the amount of \$1,987,389 to the WCA for the Duck Farm Phase 1A implementation.

Exhibit A

Overall Phasing



Phasing

The Duck Farm will not be implemented in a single act. Three critical criteria — **jurisdiction, ownership, and funding** — dictate an incremental approach to implementing the 90-acre park.

The site straddles two jurisdictions and is subject to their respective permitting processes. 47 acres, south of the existing farm house, lie in the City of Industry. The northern 43 acres are in unincorporated Los Angeles County. Proposed park features on the southern half of the site are not consistent with current zoning regulations of the City of Industry. These will need to be amended before any park improvements can occur there. However, proposed park elements on the northern half of the site are consistent with Los Angeles County zoning regulations. Further, the WCA controls 57 acres—mainly in the north—of the park's 90 acres total. No park improvements are proposed in this short-term plan on land that the WCA does not control.

A realistic **Phase 1** of this project will therefore be situated on the 43 acres in the north that are free of zoning change requirements and are under the control of the WCA. Phase 2 will comprise the remaining 47 acres on the south, which can only be undertaken after further stakeholder outreach and partnerships.



EXHIBIT B

Duck Farm Project
Rough Order of Magnitude - Phase 1a
(Unburdened Construction Costs)

EXHIBIT B

						16-Oct-06	5%	5%
Item						Total 2006 (original Estimate)	Escalated 2007	Escalated 2008
	Q	U	Unit Price	Total Unburdened	2007 5%	2008 5%		
1.0 Proctor Street Entrance								
Demo						\$7,400		
Demolition as needed to prep site								
Clear and grub, site preparation, herbicides, etc.	37,000	sf	\$0.20	\$7,400	\$7,770	\$8,159		
Demo one existing homesite for park entrance	1	ea	\$15,000.00	\$15,000	\$15,750	\$16,538		
Paving						\$13,500		
Driveway, AC	4,000	sf	\$3.00	\$12,000	\$12,600	\$13,230		
Driveway, striping	1	ls	\$1,500.00	\$1,500	\$1,575	\$1,654		
Fencing						\$20,000		
Entry gate, decorative iron with stone pillars, 24'	1	pr	\$20,000.00	\$20,000	\$21,000	\$22,050		
Security fencing at perimeter, decorative iron	20	lf	\$45.00	\$900	\$945	\$992		
Landscaping						\$62,500		
Planting	10,000	sf	\$5.00	\$50,000	\$52,500	\$55,125		
Irrigation, riparian planted areas	10,000	sf	\$1.25	\$12,500	\$13,125	\$13,781		
Signage	1	ls	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,250	\$5,513		
Subtotal - Proctor Street Entrance							\$124,300	\$130,515
2.0 Pocket Park								
Paving						\$6,000		
Trailways, DG	1,000	sf	\$6.00	\$6,000	\$6,300	\$6,615		
Fencing						\$54,000		
Security fencing at perimeter, decorative iron	1,200	lf	\$45.00	\$54,000	\$56,700	\$59,535		
Landscaping						\$66,668		
Turf (hydroseed mixture)	43,559	sf	\$0.16	\$6,969	\$7,318	\$7,684		
Trees, along Freeway edge - (15'o/c (450 lf) (24" Box)	30	ea	\$175.00	\$5,250	\$5,513	\$5,788		
Irrigation, turf and tree areas	43,559	sf	\$1.25	\$54,449	\$57,171	\$60,030		
Buildings						\$75,000		
Bathroom facilities, building	600	sf	\$125.00	\$75,000	\$78,750	\$82,688		
Utilities						\$33,000		
Electrical	600	sf	\$15.00	\$9,000	\$9,450	\$9,923		

Duck Farm Project
Rough Order of Magnitude - Phase 1a
(Unburdened Construction Costs)

16-Oct-06 5% 5%

Item	Q	U	Unit Price	Total Unburdened	2007 5%	2008 5%	Total 2006 (original Estimate)	Escalated 2007	Escalated 2008
Water	600	sf	\$15.00	\$9,000	\$9,450	\$9,923			
Sewer	600	sf	\$10.00	\$6,000	\$6,300	\$6,615			
Connections, fire, domestic water, sewer	3	ea	\$3,000.00	\$9,000	\$9,450	\$9,923			
Site Amenities									
Picnic tables	5	ea	\$1,800.00	\$9,000	\$9,450	\$9,923			
Benches	5	ea	\$1,200.00	\$6,000	\$6,300	\$6,615			
Trash receptacles	5	ea	\$1,200.00	\$6,000	\$6,300	\$6,615			
BBQ Pits	5	ea	\$400.00	\$2,000	\$2,100	\$2,205			
Signage/Information Boards	2	ea	\$1,500.00	\$3,000	\$3,150	\$3,308			
Subtotal - Pocket Park							\$260,668	\$273,702	\$287,387
3.0 Temporary Parking Area									
Grading					\$3,500				
Excavation and final prep for parking area	7,000	sf	\$0.50	\$3,500	\$3,675	\$3,859			
Paving					\$13,950				
Parking for cars and buses, DG, 20 stalls	7,000	sf	\$1.85	\$12,950	\$13,598	\$14,277			
Temporary traffic markings	1	ls	\$1,000.00	\$1,000	\$1,050	\$1,103			
Fencing					\$14,000				
Security fencing at perimeter, chainlink, standard	700	lf	\$20.00	\$14,000	\$14,700	\$15,435			
Landscaping					\$6,750				
Trees, along Freeway edge - (15'o/c (150 lf) (24" Box)	10	ea	\$175.00	\$1,750	\$1,838	\$1,929			
Irrigation, riparian planted areas	1	ls	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,250	\$5,513			
4.0 Underpass Improvements									
Electrical					\$115,500				
Operation and security lighting	1	ls	\$55,000.00	\$55,000	\$57,750	\$60,638			
Service/Panel Assembly	1	ls	\$15,000.00	\$15,000	\$15,750	\$16,538			
Conduits, allow 4 each @ 3-inch	900	lf	\$45.00	\$40,500	\$42,525	\$44,651			
Wire, allowance		ls	\$5,000.00	\$5,000	\$5,250	\$5,513			

Duck Farm Project
Rough Order of Magnitude - Phase 1a
(Unburdened Construction Costs)

16-Oct-06 5% 5%

Item	Q	U	Unit Price	Total Unburdened	2007 5%	2008 5%	Total 2006 (original Estimate)	Escalated 2007	Escalated 2008
Water	1								
Pipe, fittings, misc supplies	900	lf	\$35.00	\$31,500	\$33,075	\$34,729			
Excavation, water service	900	lf	\$5.50	\$4,950	\$5,198	\$5,457			
Site drainage									
Pipe, fittings, misc supplies	300	lf	\$25.00	\$7,500	\$7,875	\$8,269			
Excavation, bedding, gravel, etc.	300	lf	\$5.50	\$1,650	\$1,733	\$1,819			
Fire service									
Excavation, piping, fittings, connections	300	lf	\$55.00	\$16,500	\$17,325	\$18,191			
Hydrants, valves, PIV,	1	ea	\$2,000.00	\$2,000	\$2,100	\$2,205			
Connections, fire, domestic water, sewer	3	ea	\$3,000.00	\$9,000	\$9,450	\$9,923			
Fencing									
Security gates, entrance, rail, 40 ft opening	2	pr	\$1,500.00	\$3,000	\$3,150	\$3,308			
Paving									
Trailways, AC	2,400	sf	\$2.10	\$5,040	\$5,292	\$5,557			
Subtotal - Underpass Improvements							\$196,640	\$206,472	\$216,796
5.0 Trailways, interior									
Grading									
Excavation and final prep for trailways	24,000	sf	\$0.50	\$12,000	\$12,600	\$13,230			
Paving									
Trailways, DG	24,000	sf	\$1.85	\$44,400	\$46,620	\$48,951			
Subtotal - Trailways, interior							\$56,400	\$59,220	\$62,181
6.0 Riparian Corridor									
Landscaping									
Riparian planting	609,826	sf	\$1.00	\$609,826	\$640,317	\$672,333			
Irrigation, riparian planted areas	609,826	sf	\$0.75	\$457,370	\$480,238	\$504,250			
Site Amenities									
Signage/Information Boards	2	ea	\$1,500.00	\$3,000	\$3,150	\$3,308			
Subtotal - Riparian Corridor							\$1,070,196	\$1,123,705	\$1,179,891

Duck Farm Project
Rough Order of Magnitude - Phase 1a
(Unburdened Construction Costs)

16-Oct-06 5% 5%

Item	Q	U	Unit Price	Total Unburdened	2007 5%	2008 5%	Total 2006 (original Estimate)	Escalated 2007	Escalated 2008
7.0 Wildflower Meadow									
Grading							\$43,559		
Excavation and final prep for meadow	87,118	sf	\$0.50	\$43,559	\$45,737	\$48,024			
Landscaping							\$283,134		
Native seed mixture	87,118	sf	\$2.00	\$174,236	\$182,948	\$192,095			
Irrigation, native seed mixture areas	87,118	sf	\$1.25	\$108,898	\$114,342	\$120,059			
Site Amenities							\$66,000		
Picnic tables	3	ea	\$1,800.00	\$5,400	\$5,670	\$5,954			
Benches	3	ea	\$1,200.00	\$3,600	\$3,780	\$3,969			
Signage/Information Boards	2	ea	\$1,500.00	\$3,000	\$3,150	\$3,308			
Exercise equipment	1	ls	\$25,000.00	\$25,000	\$26,250	\$27,563			
Exercise area safety mulch	2,000	sf	\$14.50	\$29,000	\$30,450	\$31,973			
Subtotal - Wildflower Meadow							\$392,693	\$412,327	\$432,943
8.0 River Overlook									
Demo							\$6,875		
Demolition as needed to prep site, fence removal, etc.	1,250	lf	\$0.50	\$625	\$656	\$689			
Excavation and prep for overlook platforms and wall	12,500	sf	\$0.50	\$6,250	\$6,563	\$6,891			
Grading							\$6,250		
Excavation and final prep for overlook area	12,500	sf	\$0.50	\$6,250	\$6,563	\$6,891			
Foundation for ADA overlook platform							\$450		
Overlook ADA access ramp, structural cable system	2	ea	\$55,000.00	\$110,000	\$115,500	\$121,275			
Overlook ADA access ramp pad, form, place, finish	2	cy	\$225.00	\$450	\$473	\$496			
Landscaping							\$26,888		
Trees, along Freeway edge - (15'o/c (1000 lf) (24" Box)	84	ea	\$175.00	\$14,700	\$15,435	\$16,207			
Native plants	3,750	sf	\$2.00	\$7,500	\$7,875	\$8,269			
Irrigation, riparian planted areas	3,750	ls	\$1	\$4,688	\$4,922	\$5,168			
Site Amenities							\$180,250		
Stone wall, replaces existing fence along levee	1,250	lf	\$125.00	\$156,250	\$164,063	\$172,266			
ADA accessible ramp for overlook, incl. handrails	160	sf	\$150.00	\$24,000	\$25,200	\$26,460			
Benches	4	ea	\$1,200.00	\$4,800	\$5,040	\$5,292			
Signage/Information Boards	2	ea	\$1,500.00	\$3,000	\$3,150	\$3,308			
Paving							\$28,125		
Levee top extension, AC		sf	\$2.25	\$28,125	\$29,531	\$31,008			

Duck Farm Project
Rough Order of Magnitude - Phase 1a
(Unburdened Construction Costs)

(Unburdened Construction Costs)						16-Oct-06	5%	5%	
Item	Q	U	Unit Price	Total Unburdened	2007 5%	2008 5%	Total 2006 (original Estimate)	Escalated 2007	Escalated 2008
	12,500								
Electrical					\$50,000				
Opeartion and security lighting	1	Is	\$50,000.00	\$50,000	\$52,500	\$55,125			
Subtotal - River Overlook							\$416,638	\$437,469	\$459,343
9.0 River Edge Promenade									
See Phase 1b estimate									
Subtotal - River Edge Promenade							\$0	\$0	\$0
Total - Phase 1a							\$2,555,734	\$2,683,520	\$2,817,696
Construction Contingency	10%				\$255,573	\$268,352	\$281,770		
					\$2,811,307	\$2,951,872	\$3,099,466		
Contractor Jobsite General Conditions	10%				\$281,131	\$295,187	\$309,947		
					\$3,092,438	\$3,247,060	\$3,409,413		
Contractor Overhead	5%				\$154,622	\$162,353	\$170,471		
					\$3,247,060	\$3,409,413	\$3,579,883		
Contractor Fee	8%				\$259,765	\$272,753	\$286,391		
					\$3,506,824	\$3,682,166	\$3,866,274		
Total Construction							\$3,506,824	\$3,682,166	\$3,866,274
SOFT COSTS									
Permits	5.0%			\$175,341	\$184,108	\$193,314			
Design/Engineering Fees	20.0%			\$701,365	\$736,433	\$837,630			
Construction Management	10.0%			\$350,682	\$368,217	\$386,627			
Total Soft Costs							\$1,227,389	\$1,288,758	\$1,417,571
OWNER CONTINGENCY									
				\$0					
TOTAL PROJECTED PROJECT COSTS (2008 Dollars)							\$4,734,213	\$4,970,924	\$5,283,845

October 29, 2008 - Item 8D

RESOLUTION 2008-81

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC) RECOMMENDING THAT THE WATERSHED CONSERVATION AUTHORITY APPLY FOR FUNDING UNDER THE RESOURCES AGENCY PROP 84 CALIFORNIA RIVER PARKWAYS AND URBAN STREAMS RESTORATION GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE DUCK FARM PHASE 1A IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT.

WHEREAS, The legislature has found and declared that the San Gabriel River and its tributaries, the Lower Los Angeles River and its tributaries, and the San Gabriel Mountains, Puente Hills, and San Jose Hills constitute a unique and important open space, environmental, anthropological, cultural, scientific, educational, recreational, scenic, and wildlife resource that should be held in trust to be preserved and enhanced for the enjoyment of, and appreciation by, present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Watershed Conservation Authority has been established to facilitate joint projects with the Los Angeles County Flood Control District: and

WHEREAS, this action recommends that the Watershed Conservation Authority apply for funding under the Resources Agency Prop 84 California River Parkways And Urban Streams Restoration Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, this action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and NOW

Therefore be it resolved that the RMC hereby:

1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Act and is necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of Division 22.8 of the Public Resources Code.
2. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
3. ADOPTS the staff report dated October 29, 2008.
4. RECOMMENDS that the Watershed Conservation Authority apply for an amount not to exceed \$2,700,000 in grant funding under the Resources Agency Prop 50 River Parkways and Urban Streams Restoration Grant Program for the Duck Farm Phase 1A project.

~ End of Resolution ~

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Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS
CONSERVANCY on October 29, 2008.

Dan Arrighi, Chair

ATTEST:

Terry Fujimoto
Deputy Attorney General

DATE: October 29, 2008

TO: RMC Governing Board

FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Item 8E: Consideration of resolution approving Grant Program Tier 2 Recommendations.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: That the RMC adopt a resolution approving Grant Program Tier 2 Recommendations.

BACKGROUND: On September 22, 2008 the RMC approved twelve (12) projects for Tier 1 funding. The Board action approved the plan of action for Tier 2 project applications as proposed in the September staff report. The plan of action included the following key elements:

1. Evaluate all the unfunded Tier 1 Mountains, Hills program applications with the Tier 2 applications.
2. Staff recommends that those unfunded Mountains, Hills projects which may qualify for “urgency” consideration, be evaluated as part of the Tier 2 process including those with incomplete applications.

The final action of the Board approved the following next steps for the grant program to re-emphasize that consideration of other factors in addition to application scoring will be critical for the Tier 2 project funding recommendations: 1) overall distribution of funds by program area; 2) overall distribution of funds by geographic area, i.e., giving strong consideration to projects in cities/communities that have no history of RMC funding and 3) insuring that there will be future funding available to implement at least phase I of projects considered only ready for planning/feasibility studies.

The Tier 2 process resulted in the evaluation of 84 applications. The attached Exhibit A is a summary report of the RMCs past funding history, Tier 1 actions and proposed Tier 2 recommendations. Exhibit B is an alphabetical sort of all recommendations by project name, which includes the comprehensive information for each application, including the funding recommendation, strengths and weaknesses summary, and scoring information.

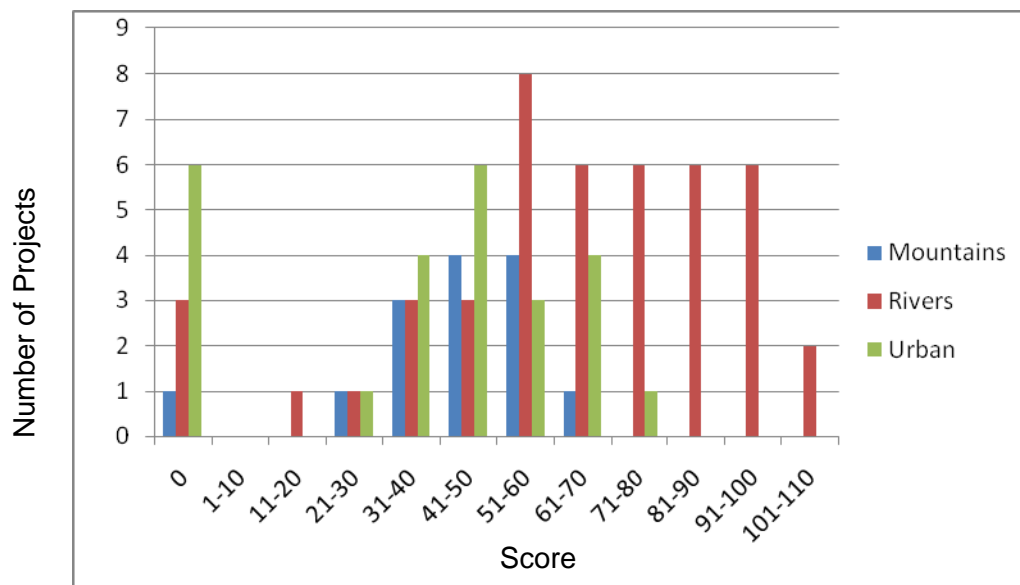
Evaluation Process: The Tier 2 review process mirrored the Tier 1 protocol which was as follows:

1. Each team was comprised of three persons, 2 staff and 1 volunteer.
2. Volunteers were solicited based on their availability to spend at least 40 hours on this project over an 8 – 12 week period. One team had to include an alternate volunteer member as the original member was unable to complete the entire process. Volunteer team members included: Joan Holtz, Deborah Glaser, Miguel Luna, Frank Schiavone, and Suzanne Avila.
3. A senior staff person was assigned as the “Team Leader.”
4. Each team was randomly assigned project applications with the following exceptions: Program Managers for the River, Mountains and Urban Programs did not review projects within their program area and RMC state and contract staff that wrote applications for our various joint powers entities did not review those applications to insure that there were no conflicts of interest in review, evaluation and scoring of the projects.

5. The Team Leaders met with their teams an average of three times to review and discuss the Tier 2 projects.
6. The Team Leaders and the Executive Officer met on three occasions to review questions and insure that there was consistency among the teams.
7. The Teams in most cases conducted a site visit of the projects that were recommended for full or partial funding.

The attached spreadsheets were prepared to show several fields for each application evaluated in the Tier 2 process: Team Leader, Project Name, Applicant, Program Area, COG Area, Current Description, Step 1 Application Amount, Step 2 Application Amount, Recommendation, Partial/Full Funding, Recommended Funding Amount, Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities & Threats (SWOT), a summary of the scoring values and total score for each project. The projects are sorted by Program Area and score in four separate reports: 1) Exhibit D - Projects recommended for full or partial funding, 2) Exhibit E - Projects recommended for funding if matching funds can be identified or if further feasibility/planning analysis is required, 3) Exhibit F – Projects that are not recommended for funding, and 4) Exhibit G – Projects that are ineligible, incomplete or withdrawn.

The following charts summarize the scoring for project applications by program area:



	Number of Projects				
	Recommended for Full or Partial Funding	Pending Feasibility Analysis	Not Recommended for Funding	Incomplete / Ineligible / Withdrawn	Total
Mountains, Hills, and Foothills	4	5	6	1	16
Rivers and Tributaries	15	8	18	3	44
Urban Core	7	2	9	6	24
Total	26	15	33	10	84

The following is a discussion of the project scoring and recommendations for each program area.

Mountains, Hills and Foothills

There were 16 Mountains, Hills, and Foothills projects considered in the Tier 2 process, comprising 19 percent of the total Step 2 applications. Of the 16 applications, one was not scored as it self-deferred to the next grant round (Cha'wot Nature Preserve). The total dollar amount of Step 2 applications for this program is \$2,235,814. Four (4) projects are recommended for full or partial funding:

- Sycamore Canyon Trail Phase IV Development Project \$76,230
- Acquisition Monrovia Hillside Wilderness Preserve \$1,318,000
- Una Lake Wetlands Acquisition & Restoration 2 \$75,000
- San Gabriel River Confluence with Cattle Canyon Project \$766,584

The overall score cut-off for either a full or partial funding recommendation for this program was 55 points. Because of the types of projects in this program area, lower scores are expected with very few projects having points in the urban lands values, sustainability and public health values. Within the Mountains, Hills and Foothills Program, staff is identifying potential match funding from outside sources for acquisition projects listed in the "Pending Feasibility Analysis" report. These are projects that contain high natural resource value, but do not rank high enough to justify full or partial funding.

- The history of funding for the Mountains, Hills and Foothills Program has been fairly robust in the amount of \$23,072,894 to date, comprising 36% of the total RMC funding. New funding recommendations under Tier 1 in the amount of \$855,000 are 7% of the total Tier 1 funding. New recommendations under Tier 2 in the amount of \$2,235,814 are 26% of the total Tier 2 funding. The net result of historic plus new Tier 1 and Tier 2 funding recommendations equals 31% of the total RMC funding which is consistent with a fair distribution of funds across program areas.

- Definition and Goals of the Mountains, Hills, and Foothills Program: This program area is identified as land lying within the area of a named system of mountains, hills and foothills. More specifically, land lying within the geographic area of the San Gabriel Mountains, the San Jose, San Rafael, Montebello, Puente, Chino, Coyote, or Signal Hills, the San Gabriel foothills, and within the territory of the RMC but NOT within the Urban Lands or River/Tributary Parkways. The primary intent of this program is watershed, habitat, and wildlife corridor protection, trails and public access as appropriate to the site. Accordingly, categories in the Project Evaluation Criteria which were emphasized (double points) for this program area were: habitat values and water resources and quality values.
- Characteristics of value scoring areas both on the high and low side: The values that the Tier 2 projects recommended for funding that scored high include access to a park or a trail, habitat value, recreational resources value and water resource value. Lower scoring criteria categories for this program area include cultural/historical value, educational value, public health value, sustainability value, and urban land value. It is characteristic of projects located in the Mountains, Hills, and Foothills program area to score low on some of the values due to location of the projects and lack of development of the project beyond acquisition so that there are generally no amenities or site planning contemplated or completed. The historical nature of the Mountains, Hills and Foothills program is the urban edge and remaining open space that has potential for acquisition as open space, with the primary concern to protect it from further urban development.
- Challenges for projects not recommended for funding: The majority of the projects within the Mountains, Hills, Foothills Program that are not recommended for funding include projects that did not score well in the project evaluation criteria. Low scores for projects indicate that the project application did not address program goals adequately or did not develop project elements competitive for funding. Additional considerations included project readiness, a willing seller's letter, and project development that addresses the RMC criteria. Based on overall projected costs in the full/partial funding category and those projects where matching funds can be identified, recommending funding for these low scoring projects does not appear likely.
- Discussion of projected phase I implementation costs: There are four projects recommended for Tier 2 funding, two of these are for full funding needed for a phase 1 development leaving two projects that will need Phase 1 implementation funding. The estimated cost for a Phase 1 implementation for the two projects is \$2 million which would include acquisition as well as development costs.
- Matching Funds Opportunities for the Mountains, Hills and Foothills Program: There are several matching funding sources for the Mountains, Hills and Foothills Program including the Wildlife Conservation Board, Los Angeles County Proposition A funds (Los Angeles County Regional Park & Open Space District), Resources Agency River Parkway Funds, and Department of Water Resources funds (through the IRWMP process). Four projects in the Pending Feasibility Analysis category of Tier 2 are currently undergoing further evaluation for which matching funds are the most appropriate and available. The total amount needed for funding of these projects is \$29,550,000. Notably the Wildwood Canyon Project will be the most challenging project to fund in its entirety. Staff has initiated discussion with the landowner, City of San

Dimas and others to identify potential acquisitions strategies which would not have a major impact on RMC's scarce remaining resources for funding other program areas. With the remaining projects in this category (Bluebird Ranch Acquisition Phase III, La Verne Open Space ANF Connection: Anabi Property Acquisition, Arrastre Canyon Acquisition, Vasquez Conservation, Education, Rec Center (Acquisition)) staff will work with the project applicant to identify appropriate matching fund sources. For the Vasquez property, staff recommends a 50% match of RMC funds for the \$1.3 million dollar request contingent on a matching fund source being found. Staff also recommends that negotiations for this property include access through other portions of Mr. Vasquez's holdings on the Glendora Motorway whose terminus is through Mr. Vasquez's holdings. This funding, even at \$650,000, will have a negative impact on other program needs.

Rivers and Tributaries Program

There were a total of 44 projects considered in the Tier 2 evaluation process, comprising 52 percent of the total Step 2 applications. Of the 44 applications, three were not scored; one was ineligible (Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Habitat Restoration program), one did not provide a Step 2 application as a self deferral to the next grant round (Norwalk Dog Park), and one withdrew because it received full funding from Resources Agency (San Gabriel River Trail Extension to Azusa River Wilderness Park). The total dollar amount of Step 2 applications for this program is \$26,847,895.

The projects recommended for full and partial funding include:

• Avocado Creek & Workman Mill Restoration	\$220,000
• Azusa –Geology Park Development	\$279,000
• Canyon Institute Site Access and Security Project	\$150,000
• Coyote Creek Bikeway Entry Development Project	\$100,000
• DeForest Park Wetland Restoration Project	\$1,000,000
• Emerald Necklace Segment C2	\$ 50,000
• Emerald Necklace Segment A2 ACE	\$ 50,000
• Emerald Necklace Segment B2	\$ 50,000
• Emerald Necklace Segment E	\$ 50,000
• Los Cerritos Wetlands Recreational Access-Bryant	\$225,000
• Los Cerritos Wetlands Recreational Access-Hellman	\$225,000
• Maywood Riverfront Park – Phase 2	\$125,000
• Santa Fe Basin Gateway Nature Trail	\$ 50,000
• Vincent Lugo Park-San Gabriel – Phase 2	\$525,409
• West San Gabriel River Parkway – Phase 3	\$106,638

The overall score cut-off for either a full or partial funding recommendation for this program was 61 points with the exception of the Coyote Creek Bikeway Entry Development Project which scored 34 points. This project was included for funding, as it falls in Orange County, a historically underfunded area within the RMC's territory. It is important to note that RMC staff continues to actively increase outreach efforts to identify multi-benefit projects within the Coyote Creek Watershed, including underserved urban target areas. Important partnerships which serve this purpose include the ten individual cities in the watershed, Orange County Division League of California Cities, County of Orange Watershed & Coastal Resources, Los Angeles

County Department of Public Works Watershed Management Division (San Gabriel River Watershed Section).

- Historical funding of the Rivers & Tributaries Program: To date, the RMC has granted \$24,829,317 to Rivers & Tributaries projects, comprising 39% of the total RMC funding. New funding recommendations under Tier 1 in the amount of \$5,434,072 are 42% of total Tier 1 funding. New recommendations under Tier 2 in the amount of \$3,206,047 are 37% of total Tier 2 funding. The net result of historic plus new Tier 1 and Tier 2 funding recommendations equals 39% of the total RMC funding, which reflects a continued pattern of historic funding levels.
- Definition and Goals of the Rivers and Tributaries Program: This geographic program area is defined as land falling within one-quarter mile on either side of the centerline of a river or tributary within the RMC territory, but not within a Mountains, Hills, and Foothills or Urban Land area. The primary intent of this program is to provide for a revitalized accessible river parkway along the main stems of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and their tributaries, increase riparian corridors, and provide enhanced recreational opportunities. Priority projects might include those which provide restoration of riparian habitat or wetland restoration and extend or enhance recreational trail corridors. Projects in this program area were evaluated utilizing the criteria established by the RMC with the evaluation criteria other than those already weighted with 5 points, points were doubled in the criteria of Access, Recreational Resource Value, and Water Resource and Quality Value. Additional scoring emphasis was given in the evaluations categories for Public Health and Urban Land Value for Rivers and Tributaries applications which fell within Urban Target areas, thus addressing multiple program area goals.
- The projects recommended for funding in Tier 1 and 2 achieve the main goals of access, recreational resources, and water resources/quality improvements. These projects provide new and/or improved access and connections from communities to the rivers and tributaries parkways. Most, if not all projects are “multi-benefit” projects which improve storm water and site runoff management practices, add to passive recreational opportunities, and in several cases, improve riparian habitat conditions and/or fall within the Urban Target areas.
- Characteristics of Rivers and Tributaries value scoring: Criteria categories of access, recreational resource and water resource and quality were overall the high scoring values for the Tier 2 projects recommended for funding. Additional value scoring in the areas of Public Health and Urban Lands was earned for the projects which fell within the Urban Target area. Lower scoring criteria categories for this program area include cultural or historical, educational/interpretive, restoration, scenic, stakeholders/partners, stewardship and maintenance plan, sustainability and trails/multi-use trails. The Rivers and Tributaries program is limited to projects that are within ¼ mile either side of rivers or tributaries which pass through our predominantly developed urban areas which also tend to be industrial areas. As a result, habitat restoration opportunities are more challenging to accomplish. Also, many of the Tier 2 projects are for planning and concept development, which is the phase under which many of the lower scoring criteria areas such as cultural/historical, educational and scenic aspects of the projects will be identified.

- Challenges for projects not recommended for funding: Rivers and Tributaries applications which fall within three specific planning areas are discussed below. These projects will be examined within the context of specific planning processes for prioritization in future funding rounds. RMC staff is actively participating and assisting the planning processes. The balance of the projects which were not recommended for funding face some or all of the following challenges:
 - Project readiness: Timeline for planning or implementation extends beyond current funding source horizon.
 - Project needs further refining to appropriately meet RMC criteria.
 - Project funding sources must be expanded.
 - Future funding from the RMC for those projects that are not within an Urban Target area will be very limited given the future implementation costs associated with the Tier 1 and Tier 2 projects.
- Projected implementation costs for the 15 Tier 2 projects totals \$11,586,400. These estimates have been made by applicants and RMC staff to provide insight to future funding needs required to fully fund the current phase of the projects. These estimates likely are understated, as projections are in today's dollars and actual implementation is anticipated to occur over the next 2-5 years. It should be noted that several current projects are for planning only, i.e. the Los Cerritos Wetlands Bryant and Hellman projects planning costs require additional funding of approximately \$365,000 included in the projected implementation cost above, while projected physical restoration costs are \$24 million.
- Identification of matching fund sources is critical for these projects, and is identified in the spreadsheet and SWOT for each project. Instructive examples can be found in two projects, the Azusa-Geology Park Development and the Vincent Lugo Park-San Gabriel. The recommended RMC funding under Tier 2 rounds out the matching funding needed to provide full funding for these projects. Funding sources other than RMC ranges from land contribution and private partner contributions for the Azusa project, and funding from Propositions 12 and 40 combined with city funding for the Vincent Lugo project. Where noted in the attached spreadsheet, RMC staff will assist the applicants by identifying and attempting to secure appropriate alternative funding sources. Some of the more likely potential sources for matching funds are Proposition A excess funds, Resources Agency River Parkway, Urban Streams, Integrated Regional Water Management, etc.

Nature and process for feasibility studies: Within the Rivers and Tributaries program, three groupings of projects will be studied further for development potential. These groupings are Emerald Necklace projects, Compton Creek projects and the Whittier Narrows projects. The feasibility of the projects will be considered in collaboration by RMC staff, lead applicants and stakeholders, to ensure goals for each area and for all parties are accomplished to the highest extent possible. A brief narrative of how the Tier 2 applications were evaluated within these groupings in relationship to the overall Rivers and Tributaries program is included in the following section.

Emerald Necklace: Projects which fall within this area will be considered in collaboration with the lead applicants, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works and the local host communities and entities. Projects will be considered within the target goals of the Rivers and Tributaries program to determine highest potential for creating new passive recreational access

and habitat connections, supported by strong components of directional/interpretive signage for users. Additionally, applications will be prioritized based upon the following: 1) completion of previously funded segments; 2) analysis of matching fund opportunities; 3) feasibility prioritization based on land tenure, permitting and CEQA requirements for each segment and 4) prioritization of project elements based on a 12-36 month timeline for project completion.

Seven (7) project applications which fall within the Emerald Necklace were considered as part of the Tier 2 evaluation process. The five (5) highest scoring Emerald Necklace projects recommended for partial funding to provide for feasibility studies in the amount of \$50,000 each include the Emerald Necklace Segments C2, A2, B2 and E, and Santa Fe Basin Gateway Nature Trail. Two projects which fall within the Emerald Necklace but were not recommended for funding because they fell below the score cut-off are the Peck Water Conservation Park Master Plan and Santa Fe Dam Campground Development.

Whittier Narrows: The four applications which fall within the Whittier Narrows area are the Montebello Rio Hondo Riverscape Conservatory, the Riparian/Scrub Raptor Field Restoration, the Whittier Narrows Bicycle/Pedestrian Path Development, and the Whittier Narrows Equestrian Facility Development. These projects will be further considered as part of the Whittier Narrows Master Plan update. Currently, the Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) is leading collaboration with the US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and stakeholders under an RMC grant to the WCA called the Whittier Narrows Dam Recreation Area Development Plan. The stakeholders include surrounding cities, Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation, Supervisor District One, and the RMC. The information gathered under the development plan will be used by the Corps to potentially update the Master Plan. After this process is finalized and a potential updated master plan is adopted, RMC staff will evaluate these proposals to determine any funding feasibility. It must be acknowledged that given the Board commitment to implement a more equitable distribution of funds both programmatically and geographically, funding for projects in this category will be extremely competitive and staff is likely to recommend funding priorities which are consistent with those objectives. For instance, projects that meet Urban Target area goals and are located in the Gateway Council of Government or Orange County League of Cities areas will and should have a higher priority for funding.

Compton Creek: Staff reviewed four projects located along the Compton Creek which propose improvements to the bike path, connectivity and access to the Creek, landscaping, and improved recreational opportunities. These projects meet both the goals of the River Tributary and the Urban Land Programs and therefore scored well above the cut off for funding recommendations. In order to determine the feasibility and prioritization of these Compton Creek projects, staff will work with the City of Compton, project applicants, and other stakeholders to evaluate the four proposed projects for a funding recommendation to the Board at a future meeting.

Urban Lands Program

There were a total of twenty-four (24) projects considered in the Tier 2 process, comprising twenty-nine percent (29%) of the total Step 2 applications. Six (6) applications were not scored for a variety of reasons; five (5) were incomplete/ineligible and one (1) did not provide a Step 2 application. Seven (7) projects are recommended for full and partial funding which include:

- Huntington Park Trail and Open Space Development \$585,500
- San Gabriel/Pine Pocket Park- Rosemead \$548,340

• Mary Vandyke Park Nature Trail Enhancement- South El Monte	\$562,034
• 98 th Street Park- South LA	\$300,000
• Watts Towers/ Green Streets Development Project	\$445,000
• City of Lynwood Pocket Parks	\$520,000
• Multi-purpose Trail/Landscape Development Project- South Gate	\$365,000

The overall score cut-off for either a full or partial funding recommendation for this program was 61 points.

History of Funding for the Urban Lands Program: Past funding in RMC's Urban Lands Program has been relatively sparse. Only 7% or \$4,608,722 million of Prop 40 and 50 funds have been allocated to projects in what is considered the "Urban Core" within our territory. Staff has been working in the Urban Target Areas to address the need to develop competitive projects and to complete those that have been awarded grant funds. Based on the Board's approval of the Tier 1 recommendations, the allocation for the Urban Lands Program is approximately \$6,500,000 million which is about 40% of the funding awarded to date from Proposition 84 funds. Tier 2 recommendations for the Urban Program are \$3,325, 874 million which is about 38% of the funds being recommended for funding. With both Tier 1 and Tier 2 funding recommendations, projects within the Urban Lands Program are receiving a more equitable amount of funding from Proposition 84, thereby addressing the disparity of past funding. Staff will continue to work with cities, non-profit organizations, and other stakeholders to develop competitive projects within the Urban Lands Program for future funding with particular attention to the Urban State Parks Grant Program.

Definition and Goals of the Urban Lands Program: This geographic program area is defined as all land within the developed, urban core of the RMC territory that is not within the area identified for River/Tributary Parkways, or within the Mountains, Hills, and Foothills. The primary intent of this program is to develop low impact recreational projects that are located in areas where the population within a census tract contains more than 30% youth and less than 80% of the state's average annual income. Priority projects might include those which provide low impact recreational opportunities located in dense areas that are within a ¼ mile area from a residential area. Accordingly, categories in the Project Evaluation Criteria which were emphasized (double points) for this program area were: Habitat Value, Restoration and Water Resource and Quality Value.

The Tier 2 funding recommendations are for projects that meet the criteria for the Urban Land Program with many of the projects resulting in a new park or trail in areas where no parks exist nearby and will serve densely populated areas. Many of these projects also meet the programs goals of addressing public health values of providing low impact recreational opportunities in communities with higher rates of obesity. With the completion of many of these projects, RMC will have assisted in developing projects in urban areas that lack green and low impact recreation opportunities, creating significant impact.

Characteristics of value scoring areas both on the high and low side: The values that the Tier 2 projects recommended for funding that scored high include new access to a park or trail, public health value, urban lands value, partnership involvement, and recreational resource value. The values for the Tier 2 projects that were low include habitat value, restoration value, matching funds, water resource and quality value, stewardship and management plan values. It is characteristic of projects located in the urban core of the territory to score low on some of some of the program values due to the developed environment in which many of these projects are

located, therefore habitat and water resource protection opportunities are more challenging to accomplish. Also, many of the Tier 2 projects are for planning and concept development which will address competitiveness for future matching opportunities. Many of the projects recommended in the Tier 2 process will support the values of the Urban Lands Program which is to create new parks and/or trails in areas that lack these resources for communities that are dense, low income and have a higher number of youth and families.

Challenges for projects not recommended for funding: The majority of projects within the Urban Lands Program that are not recommended for funding include projects that did not score well in the project evaluation criteria or multiple projects were submitted by the same applicant in which another project was recommended for funding in either the Tier 1 or Tier 2 process. Low scores for projects indicate that the project application did not address the program goals adequately or did not contain the elements that would make the project competitive for funding. Staff evaluated multiple applications by the same applicant and recommended funding for the project with the higher score in order to insure equity in the overall distribution of funds by geographic area.

Projected Phase I implementation costs: Out of the seven projects recommended for Tier 2 funding, three projects will receive full funding needed for a phase 1 development leaving four projects that will need Phase I implementation funding. The estimated costs for a Phase I implementation for the four projects are approximately \$6 million. Future development costs will be leveraged with other grant programs to address the high funding amount. Staff anticipates that projects that have completed plans and permits will be more competitive for grant programs and therefore RMC's future funding commitment to these projects will be more balanced.

Matching Funds Opportunities for the Urban Lands Program: The Tier 2 recommendations do not include any projects that could be funded contingent on securing matching funds. The two primary matching funding sources for the Urban Lands Program includes Proposition A and State Urban Parks funds. Staff will work with each applicant to assess matching fund opportunities for each project based on what elements of the project will be most competitive for these two programs. Regarding Proposition A, Staff will meet with the Supervisors for those projects located in their District to determine feasibility of matching funds. The funding for State Urban Parks program will be made available through a competitive grant program. State Parks is anticipating having the criteria available in the spring of 2009 with an application deadline of October 2009. Based on the criteria established by State Parks, staff will work with both the grantees and State Parks to determine which projects might be most competitive for the program.

Feasibility Process for Joint Use Projects: Staff reviewed two projects that contained joint use opportunities for recreational use, habitat enhancement, and water conservation elements. Because of the competitiveness of the program, staff will determine the feasibility of these projects based on significant matching funds, a determination of RMC eligible components, and readiness of the project. There were only two joint use projects in the Tier 2 process and therefore some minimal level of funding may be important to support the development of this type of use to provide much needed recreational and habitat resources.

Next Steps: If approved as submitted, the next step for the Tier 2 projects recommended for funding will be to: 1) assign the project to a project manager, 2) verify information supplied in the Step 2 application, 3) develop a specific scope of work, budget and monitoring plan for each project over the next 30 to 90 days and 4) submit the grant for approval by the Board.

Funding: As accumulative funding report (Exhibit A) indicates, including the Tier 2 funding recommendations, the total obligated funds for the RMC will be \$85,689,260. The RMC has cumulative capital outlay funds available in the amount of \$105 million from Propositions 40, 50 and 84.

By obligating the Tier 2 recommendations and at least 50% of the phase one implementation costs of \$18,250,000, the remaining unobligated funds available to the RMC for future projects is only \$10,787,240. An additional 5 million is set aside for previously approved projects such as the Long Beach Aquarium of the Pacific Exchange Site, the Children's Garden at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Gardens, and Peck Park Improvements. This leaves less roughly \$5 million, which constitutes the only funds currently available for RMC capital projects through fiscal year 2011/12. For this reason, it is staff's strong recommendation that the next grant round focus on funding projects in the urban target areas with particular emphasis on those cities and unincorporated areas that have not received funding from the RMC to date.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND RMC ADOPTED POLICIES/AUTHORITIES: Public Resources Code Section 32604 provides in part that the conservancy shall do all of the following:

- (a) Establish policies and priorities for the conservancy regarding the San Gabriel River and the Lower Los Angeles River, and their watersheds, and conduct any necessary planning activities, in accordance with the purposes set forth in Section 32602.
- (c) Approve conservancy funded projects that advance the policies and priorities set forth in Section 32602.

EXHIBIT A
Cumulative Funding Summary Sheet
Program Area Analysis

Program Area Report	Mountains, Hills & Foothills	Rivers & Tributaries	Urban Core	Multiple	Other	Total
In Grant Program	\$23,072,894	\$24,829,317	\$4,608,722	\$10,597,684	\$1,013,013	\$64,121,630
Tier 1 (approved)	\$855,000	\$5,434,072	\$6,511,323.00	\$0	\$0	\$12,800,395
Tier 2 (recommended)	\$2,235,814	\$3,206,047	\$3,325,374	\$0	\$0	\$8,767,235
Totals	\$26,163,708	\$33,469,436	\$14,445,419	\$10,597,684	\$1,013,013	\$85,689,260

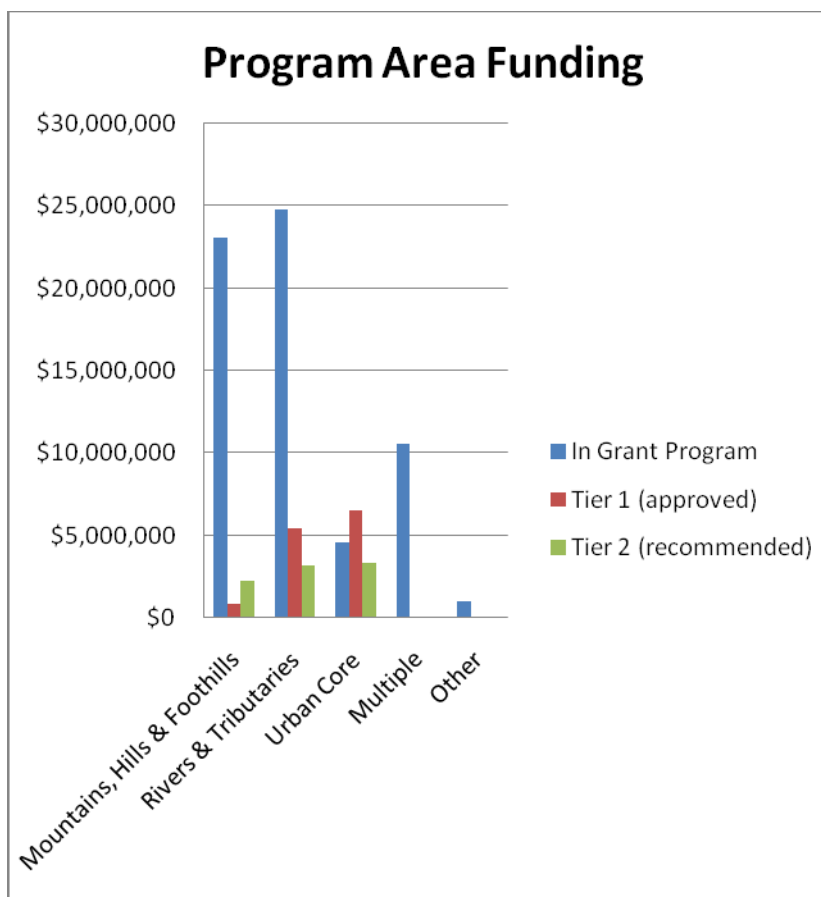


EXHIBIT A
Cumulative Funding Summary Sheet
COG Area Analysis

COG Area Report	Gateway	North Slope	Orange County	SGVCOG	Multiple	Other	Total
In Grant Program	\$12,298,558	\$100,000	\$5,519,230	\$39,219,689	\$5,951,604	\$1,032,549	\$64,121,629.92
Tier 1 (approved)	\$3,533,807	\$855,000	\$2,579,000	\$5,832,588	\$0	\$0	\$12,800,395.00
Tier 2 (recommended)	\$3,151,638	\$75,000	\$100,000	\$4,695,597	\$0	\$745,000	\$8,767,235.00
Totals	\$18,984,003	\$1,030,000	\$8,198,230	\$49,747,874	\$5,951,604	\$1,777,549	\$85,689,260

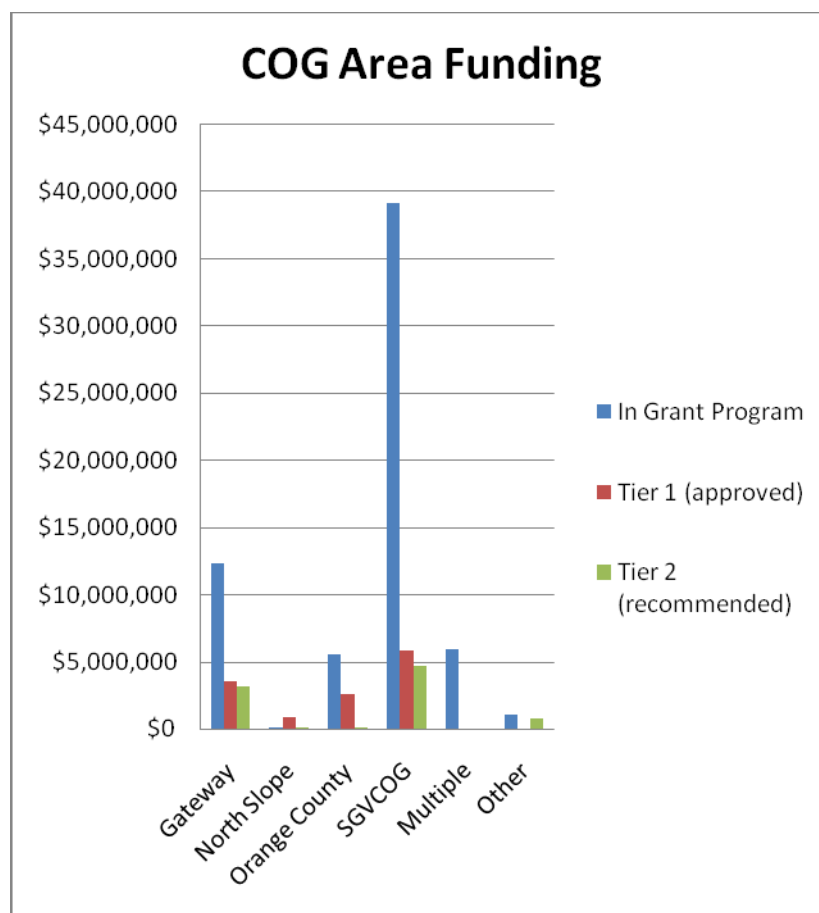


EXHIBIT B, Tier 2 Applications
Sorted by Project Name

Project Name	Applicant	Team Leader	Program Area	COG Area	Current Description	Step 1 Application Amount	Step 2 Application Amount	Recommended Funding Amount	Recommendation	SWOT	Access Value	Cultural / Historical Value	Educational Value	Habitat Value	Matching Funds Value	Public Health Value	Recreational Value	Restoration Value	Scenic Resource Value	Stakeholders / Partners Value	Stewardship Value	Sustainability Value	Trails Value	Urban Land Value	Water Resource Value	Total Points
98th Street Park-South LA	Watershed Conservation Authority	Valorie Shatynski	Urban	Unicorporated/City of LA	Phase 1: Conceptual planning, including community visioning and feasibility, to form the basis for findings under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The budget includes funding for completion of CEQA analysis and certification. Resulting model project at 98th Street would lay groundwork for additional projects of this type within Department of Water and Power right of way, which passes through many park poor areas in Los Angeles County.	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	Fund. This project supports a new park in a dense, urban area of Rosemead with limited parks and open space. The City is working collaborately with SCE to develop this site into a passive park.	Strengths: Project locaiton in Urban Target Area, creating a new park. Southern California Edison has sent letter indicating their willingness to enter into lease with City. Weaknesses: Length of time to attain land tenure. City General Plan current update in progress, change in zoning needed for project. Opportunities: Project captures open space that could be utilized for other purposes by SCE, current land owner. Threats: N/A Matching Funds: Phase 1 City will match \$15,000 over full project match \$346,800. Future Funding Needs: This request is expected to fully fund this park.	4	1	5	1	5	12	13	0	2	2	2	4	3	21	10	85
Acquisition & Buffer Expansion of Brodiaea Reserve	Glendora Community Conservancy	Valorie Shatynski	Mountains, Hills, Foothills	SGVCOG	Purchase/Acquisition of 7 acres for buffer property to the Brodiaea. Property is in north Glendora Foothills. Open space has high quality oak woodland and is watershed of Hilton Canyon of the Regional Wildlife Corridor. Buffer between urban and Brodiaea Reserve. A key habitat link in the Foothills Wildlife Corridor. Endangered species (Brodiaea/Significant Ecological Area) protection.	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$0	Not recommended for funding due a low evaluation score.	Strengths: Appears to have limited buffer and habitat value. Weaknesses: Cost for 7 acres seems high, no matching funds, habitat is degraded, connectivity limited to northern tip of parcel, unclear how this would enhance the Preserve. Debris basin access/maintenance on this property, willing seller escrow expired 9/30/08. Opportunities: investigate actual value. Threats: no apparent development threat.	7	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26
Acquisition Monrovia Hillside Wilderness Preserve	Monrovia, City of	Alina Bokde	Mountains, Hills, Foothills	SGVCOG	Grant request from the City of Monrovia to acquire a 40-acre lot located on Lower Clamshell Truck Trail in the foothills of Monrovia, CA. Acquisition is essential for completion of the Wilderness Preserve due to its status on the Federally Endangered plant Astragalus Brauntton. The Resource & Recreation Management Plan is currently in draft form out for public comments for management of the Preserve and funds will be available (\$80k) annually from 2000 city bond measure for maintenance.	\$1,200,000	\$1,318,000	\$1,318,000	Fund. \$300,000 Phase 1 Planning and documentation for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).	Strengths: Serves disadvantaged area that is park poor; eliminates nuisance property; water conservation elements planned; provides low impact recreation; stakeholder involvement planned, would form basis for future Dept of Water & Power (DWP) joint projects. Weakness: No matching funds, relies on lease with DWP and amenability to water quality aspects. Opportunities: provides connection to larger urban trail system; potential partnership with LA Conservation Corps for stewardship. Threats: Safety issues in the surrounding community spilling into project area, continued illegal dumping on site.	10	0	3	1	0	8	11	0	2	3	3	2	5	17	7	72
Acquisition/ Restoration (Fire) Upper San Jose Watershed	San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy	Valorie Shatynski	Mountains, Hills, Foothills	SGVCOG	Phase One acquisition of three 40 acre properties for watershed protection on the east flank of Palmer Canyon of the Upper San Jose Creek/Watershed. Major concerns have been raised about rapid habitat recovery essential to both plant communities and water supply/aquifer replenishment in serious fire damaged areas such as this. \$2 M + \$100K restoration	\$2,100,000	\$2,100,000	\$0	Not recommended for funding due to low evaluation score.	Strengths: habitat, buffer, "NEWE" property approx. 40 acres for \$1.2 million seems reasonable value . Weaknesses: VERY steep topography which would make restoration and trail connections difficult. No matching funds, low development threat. Opportunities: No mention of Claremont Conceptual Area Protection Plan of which this area is likely a part. May attract other funding. Threats: Development threat appears low. The recently completed "Chicken Creek" development relieves development demand in immediate area. Acquisition property zoning would only allow two homes could be placed upon the 40 acres if developed.	2	0	2	27	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	33
Acquisition/ Restoration Van Tassel Nature Sanctuary	San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy	Tim Worley	Mountains, Hills, Foothills	SGVCOG	This is a purchase/acquisition of 300 acres of existing open space in the San Gabriel Mountain foothills, immediately north of Duarte and west of Azusa for permanent watershed protection, open space and nature sanctuary preserve. Some passive recreation use and interpretation opportunities exist on Van Tassel Trail, a major regional connector trail from the Valley into the National Forest. Open space serves as coastal sage scrub habitat for sensitive species and buffer property between highly urbanized areas and the Angeles National Forest in eastern Los Angeles County. Restoration opportunities exist for eradication of invasive non-native plants' encroachment into wildland areas, and for habitat recovery. The property is a key habitat link in the Foothills Wildlife Corridor.	\$13,000,000	\$13,000,000	\$0	Not recommended for funding. Project scored in lower end of the curve.	Strength: This property includes opportunities for trail extensions and habitat protection. Weakness: The large cost, low to moderate evaluation score, and lack of matching funds makes it difficult to approve as currently defined. Threat: Purchase agreement may expire, and according to the applicant there may be some interest in the property for mining.	7	0	1	21	0	2	6	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	40

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Arrastre Canyon Acquisition	Nature Conservancy, The	Jane Beesley	Mountains, Hills, Foothills	North Slope	This project is for the acquisition of 326 acres, that is approx 1.7 miles of Arrastre Canyon near Soledad Canyon. Arrastre Creek is a tributary to the Santa Clara River. The property is the entire canyon and the creek from the river up to the Angeles National Forest. This property was identified as a tier one conservation property in the SCR Upper Watershed Conservation Plan. It is identified in the South Coast wildlife corridors under the South Coast Missing Linkage Project.	\$1,315,000	\$1,315,000	\$657,000	Fund if grant can be matched by other sources. The project's habitat value is high, and is identified in Missing Linkages.	Strength: Habitat value high, Identified in Missing Linkages. Abuts the Angeles Forest. Contains significant riparian habitat and watershed, is an excellent preservation opportunity. Weakness: No matching funds. Opportunity: Can acquire the entire canyon/bottom portion of Arrastre Watershed, 326 acres. Threats: This property owner has no current development plans it does sit adjacent to residential development in the Santa Clara Watershed along the Highway 14 corridor. Match: Inquired re: Prop A excess no result.	9	1	2	18	0	2	7	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	44
Avocado Creek & Workman Mill Restoration	Los Angeles County Flood Control District	Jane Beesley	River/ Tributary	SGVCOG	This is for Phase 1, feasibility, planning, design and CEQA for the project. To bring it to readiness for construction. The project is the acquisition of approximately 10,000 sq feet in the vicinity of the intersection of Avocado Creek & Workman Mill Road for the purpose of creating an open space area that will include stormwater filtration swales, 4,000 linear feet of decorative fence, interpretive and directional signage.	\$1,600,000	\$220,000	\$220,000	Partially fund. Recommend funding for site access and security development. Funding should include consulting with a traffic engineer to determine safe egress and ingress options. Concept plan should also include feasibility and funding for a pedestrian bridge as well as securing easements for access in property.	Stregths: Project would develop a new recreational and educational area adjacent to the San Garbiel River once issues of access and safety are addressed. Weaknesses: Project needs more detailed information on trail development and safe access routes. No matching funds. Recommend that the applicant explore partnerships with Rainbow Ranch.	13	0	5	5	0	4	9	0	1	4	4	5	1	0	11	62
Azusa River Wilderness Park at El Encanto Phase 1 Development	Watershed Conservation Authority	Alina Bokde	River/ Tributary	SGVCOG	Proposal is for the design and construction documents of the Azusa River Wilderness Park Phase I development. Phase I will develop the surrounding areas at the old El Encanto Restaurant, specifically the area where the Mobile Home Park is currently situated. The concept plan will include an opportunity for an outdoor classroom as well for interpretive signage of the natural and cultural history as well as the importance of the watershed. Additionally the concept plan will include an outdoor Amphitheatre, Picnic area, Restroom, An Overlook, Entry Gates, Trail improvements as well as interpretive and wayfinding elements.	\$2,500,000	\$2,541,500	\$0	Not recommended for funding. Costs for project are high. Seek matching funds in future grant rounds.	Strengths: Strong recreational component that includes a new recreational area. Strong sustainability and water conservation concepts. Weaknesses: No matching funds and no restoration value.	13	0	5	11	0	3	9	1	1	2	3	4	3	2	6	63
Azusa-Geology Park Development	Azusa, City of	Jane Beesley	River/ Tributary	SGVCOG	The City of Azusa will develop a city owned .5 acre parcel that sits between a San Gabriel River bike trail trailhead and the SG River Regional bike trail, into a geology interpretive park. The Vulcan Mining Company rock Conveyor, used to transport material mined in Fish Canyon to Releace Quarry at Vulcan Mining Company rock conveyor at Irwindale Avenue, is overhead and adjacent to this site. Immediate vistas include surface mining on the foothills to the north.	\$289,000	\$279,000	\$279,000	Partially fund. Fund \$520,000 to develop four of the eight pocket parks as Phase 1 (Sites 2, 3, 5 and 8), based upon community need determined by the City. These four sites are City-owned. Federal match \$147,000. RMC Staff will assist City to identify funding for implementation of the remaining sites.	Strengths - Park poor community, provide regeneration of run-down areas, urban respite and passive recreation. Maximum urban value for the cost. Weaknesses: Sites are small strips along freeway. Opportunities: Properties (except one with Caltrans planned for Phase 2) are already in public ownership, development costs are relatively low. Threats - Continued decay of property and impact on neighborhoods	8	0	5	2	0	10	13	0	1	1	1	2	1	21	1	66
Bluebird Ranch Acquisition Phase III	Glendora Community Conservancy	Alina Bokde	Mountains, Hills, Foothills	SGVCOG	Application refers to previous RMC file for prior Bluebird Ranch acquisitions, information about project was not included in application. This acquisition is for an additional 16 acres that is adjacent to the Bluebird Preserve that was created with RMC and WCB funds over the last three years.	\$1,950,000	\$1,950,000	0	Fund if grant is matched from other sources. Recommend further analysis for possible matching funds. Although application incomplete, project met urgency criteria for evaluation as a Tier 2 project.	Strengths: Strong habitat values. Weaknesses: Scored low on many of the project evaluation criteria. Incomplete application did not address many of the elements addressed in Grant Program. No matching funds.	2	0	0	27	0	1	0	2	1	1	1	0	2	0	2	39

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Canyon Institute Outdoor Classroom Project	California Resource Connections, inc.	Alina Bokde	River/ Tributary	SGVCOG	The grant proposal is for the planning and design of a regional low impact development demonstration and watershed education center. CRC proposes to bring up to code the existing structures and surrounding landscape to provide an outdoor classroom and meeting space for holding educational programs for San Gabriel Valley students and the general public. Project components include restoration and conversion of an existing garage to a classroom setting with adjacent program office space. Surrounding landscape design will provide for educational programs as well as serve as a demonstration of regionally appropriate design using native and compatible low water plant species, historic and edible landscapes, rainwater capture, efficient irrigation systems and use of sustainable materials and techniques where possible.	\$275,550	\$281,550	\$0	Not recommended for funding. Staff will work with applicant to further evaluate and analyze potential funding of project elements once issues related to access and security have been addressed.	Strengths: Project would develop educational programming related to watershed health and native plants. Weakness: Applicant needs to resolved safety and access issues related to the site before extensive programming activities. See Site Access and Security Project for recommendation on addressing these issues.	4	0	5	5	0	2	4	0	1	4	4	5	1	0	11	46
Canyon Institute Site Access and Security Project	California Resource Connections, inc.	Alina Bokde	River/ Tributary	SGVCOG	Funding proposal is for the planning and design of the Canyon Institute that includes a regional low impact development demonstration and watershed education center. To accommodate future users and minimize related impacts, CRC proposes to design and build new site access, parking and security improvements using sustainable design materials and management practices. Project components include a new driveway, on-site parking, ADA access to classrooms and offices, interpretive security gates and fencing, and landscape improvements. Design elements will include permeable surfaces, strategic drainage design native and compatible low water plant species and recycled material were possible. Parking areas and travelways will accommodate multiple purposes including community or regional special events.	\$395,940	\$471,910	\$150,000	Partially fund. Recommend funding for planning and design (including CEQA) on two sites located in Buena Park and La Habra. Even though this project scored below the overall cut off point, funding is recommended to address the lack of projects in the Orange County region.	Strengths: Project in Orange County would support increased use of the Coyote Creek Bikepath. Project would enhance visibility and safety of the trail. Weakness: Project would enhance an exisiting trail rather than create new connections and no matching funds.	8	0	4	2	0	3	0	1	1	3	1	3	3	1	4	34
Charter Oak Wash Restoration and Interpretive center	Covina Parks & Recreation Department, City of	Tim Worley	River/ Tributary	SGVCOG	This project consists of restoration of native riparian habitat, erosion mitigation, removal of non-native vegetation and old drainage pipes at Charter Oak Wash in Kahler Russell Park and the construction of a nature/water history interpretive center. The application is now phased, but seeks funding for both phases concurrently. Design and permitting of wash restoration has 100% matching funds from the city, and the LEED designed Interpretive Center has even higher proportionate matching funds. The grant request would use 100% RMC funds for renovation of the wash: removal of contaminants, protection of bridge and park building; replacement of non-native with native plants, and improvement of channel hydraulics.	\$894,000	\$894,000	\$0	Not recommended for funding due to the emphasis on a new building in an existing park. Other elements that are better aligned with RMC funding criteria - e.g., habitat enhancement and improvements to naturalize the wash - might be repackaged in a future application.	Strengths: This project has \$840,000 in matching funds from Prop A grant and city general fund, and enjoys community/political support. The Interpretive Center includes very strong sustainability (LEED) elements, and restoration work would improve Charter Oak Wash by removing debris (e.g., abandoned pipe), improving flow and benefiting water quality. Weakness: Relatively little new recreational access is created from improvements to an existing park.	4	0	3	3	5	3	9	1	0	4	2	6	0	1	13	54
Cha'wot Nature Preserve Acquisition and Planning	Signal Hill, City of	N/A	Mountains, Hills, Foothills	Gateway	self deferred to next grant round	\$1,130,000	\$1,130,000	0	Withdrawn. Self deferred to next grant round	Self deferred to next grant round																
Citrus Heights Bike Stop Development	Watershed Conservation Authority	Valorie Shatynski	River/ Tributary	SGVCOG	Phase 1: Conceptual planning, including community visioning, to form the basis for findings under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The budget includes funding for completion of CEQA analysis and certification.	\$320,000	\$320,000	\$0	Not recommended for funding. Investigate other funding sources and continue coordination and planning with RMC	Strengths - Serves disadvantaged area that is park poor and eliminates nuisance property. Some water conservation elements included, stakeholder involvement. Weaknesses – land tenure must be completed, access to site limited to bike trail, location subject to vandalism, crime. Opportunities: Potential partnership with SGVCC on "Operations & Maintenance" for long-term stewardship and maintenance plan over the life of the park, provides connection to larger urban trail system. Threats: Safety issues in the surrounding community spilling into project area, continued illegal dumping on site, vandalism, crime	3	0	5	8	0	10	9	1	2	3	2	2	3	19	4	71

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City of Lynwood Pocket Parks	Lynwood, City of	Valorie Shatynski	Urban	Gateway	Phase 1 of project will create four (4) new open spaces within walking, biking distance of each other. All sites are within 50' of residential areas with access to Metro & bus lines. Directional site signage and brochure/map in English & Spanish to be available in print and via internet. All sites are within 15 minute or less walking distance to existing parks. Partners include Lynwood Unified School District and CalTrans. An artist will create educational and interpretive signage in English & Spanish to include elements on natural, cultural history and watershed stewardship. Site elements include walkways, signage, benches, landscaping. CalTrans has offered use of adjacent land for sustainable native plant landscaping to integrate with mature Redwood and other trees.	\$1,140,000	\$520,000	\$520,000	Partially fund. Staff recommends the award of a feasibility grant in the amount of \$50,000 to further evaluate the feasibility of this Emerald Necklace project based on the following criteria: 1) incorporation into other funded segments; 2) analysis of matching fund opportunities; 3) feasibility based on land tenure, permitting and CEQA requirements and 4) prioritization of project elements based on a 12-36 month timeline for project completion.	Strengths: New Class 1 Bike Trail, connecting the City with the San Gabriel River Trail Weaknesses: Timing of Army Corps Agreements/CEQA Opportunities: To extend the bike trail to the east, provide access from this part of Duarte Threats: Loss of funding for project Matching Funds: MTA grant, City of Hope funds.	13	1	3	10	10	4	13	0	1	4	3	2	5	3	2	74
City to River Nature Walk Loop Development	South El Monte , City of Amigos de los Rios	Valorie Shatynski	Urban	SGVCOG	Phase 1 planning for Civic Center enhancement, includes: City Hall, Library, County Assessor's Office, Recreation Center, Senior Center, Municipal swimming pool and tennis courts. City plans to create 5.6 mile walking trail loop around perimeter of Civic Center and Shively School, providing connection via City streets to Whittier Narrows Recreation area, Rio Hondo River (to west), San Gabriel River at Thienes Avenue (to east). Amenities to include native trees and shrubs, decomposed granite and concrete pathways, vegetated swales, water fountains, benches, interpretive signage, and exercise stations. City proposes to use reclaimed water for irrigation along the trail.	\$380,360	\$177,000	\$0	Not recommended for funding. Investigate other funding sources and strengthen trail connections vs. use of City streets	Strengths: Beginnings of a master plan concept. Matching funds \$72,300 for Phase 1 planning. Weaknesses: Enhancement to the existing Civic Center, connections to other parks, regional trails and rivers via City streets with no improvements provided. No funding for development, approximate cost of \$2,230,000. Opportunities: Collaboration with San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps on landscaping elements, investigate funding sources for urban park development. Some low impact recreation and possible reclaimed water for irrigation. Threats: none evident.	3	0	4	0	0	8	11	0	1	0	1	1	2	17	3	51
Cocoa St. Park Development-Compton	Compton, City of	Alina Bokde	River/ Tributary	Gateway	Funding request is for the planning and design of a City owned cul-de-sac which would involve the removal of existing street pavement to create new park space in a highly urbanized area adjacent to Compton Creek. In place of the street pavement the City of Compton proposes to install a permeable walkway surface, landscaping with native plants, directional and interpretive signage, security lighting and bench seating.	\$563,000	\$100,000	\$0	Fund if grant can be matched by other sources. Approximately half of this acreage is an informal debris basin and could qualify for funding by Department of Water Resources through the IRWMP.	Strengths: Near Marshall Canyon Regional Corridor. Buffer to adjacent residential, degraded blue line stream. Weaknesses: City desires to gain funding which allows future use of property to control flooding to residential development downgrade. No matching funding. Support of opening area to public trails may be issue. Invasives, habitat degraded, a portion of property cleared for fire control, a letter was submitted to RMC by adjacent resident raising concerns. Opportunitites: Recommend for IRWMP listing/future funding, and potential future LA County Stormwater funding, investigate Alluvial Fan Task Force interest. Threats: No development threat apparent, City parcel below Anabi property could provide local/regional trail connections as well as buffer neighborhood from flooding above, zoned open space	8	0	5	31	0	4	6	0	1	3	1	0	4	0	0	63
Community Access Developments for Azusa River Park	California Resource Connections	Alina Bokde	River/ Tributary	SGVCOG	The grant proposal is for the planning and design of the Community Access Developments for the Azusa River Wilderness Park. These include design elements conceptualized in the Azusa River Master Plan that offer both education and low-impact recreational opportunities that facilitate community use of the park. Areas in need of development are the common areas at El Encanto/WCA and RMC headquarters (i.e. back patio and meeting room); and those areas at Taylor Property that lend themselves to this type of use (exterior public spaces). Physical improvements may include benches, chairs, tables, lighting, and refurbishment of the grounds (i.e. refurbishment of the drainage system for the hill behind the back patio at El Encanto) and interpretive signage (way finding, regulatory, and site interpretation).	\$350,000	\$353,000	\$0	Not recommended for funding. Staff will work with applicant to further evaluate and analyze potential funding of project elements.	Strengths: Project would create new recreational access while providing educational and interpretive signage about watersheds. Weaknesses: No restoration value, limited sustainability, and water conservation elements. Good partnerships with California Conservation Corps. No new trails.	13	0	4	12	0	4	4	0	2	4	5	5	1	0	11	65

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Coyote Creek Bikeway Entry Development Project	California Resource Connections, inc.	Alina Bokde	River/ Tributary	Orange County	Grant proposal is for the design and planning to provide enhancements along the Coyote Creek Bikeway to help develop a regional identity. CRC proposes to design and construct four prominent entry points, tow at the North Fork of Coyote Creek and Artesia Boulevard and two at Coyote Creek and Marquardt Ave in Cerritos. Project elements include whimsical and custom-designed gates and fences, interpretive signage and appropriated native plants. A design competition among schools in the watershed will be utilized to identify design themes for each gate. A palette of plants and a hardscape materials will be developed to create the signature look for not only these three sites but for subsequent trail-side installations.	\$217,000	\$351,600	\$100,000	Partially fund. Funding will go towards the construction elements of the project which can include grading and other elements of the first Phase of development. Work with the City to commit Prop A funds for future phases of the project.	Strengths: High habitat and restoration value. Enhances and creates new trails and connection to a regional trail system, project includes educational elements and community partnerships. Project in Urban Target Area, will provide additional recreational opportunities for target population. Opportunities: Project has received prior RMC funding. Currently Coastal and the City have dedicated \$2 million that provides 50% of project funding for the first phase of development. City should work to secure additional Prop A funds for the different phases of the project. Total cost of project anticipated at \$16million.	15	0	3	16	0	6	9	2	2	2	2	1	4	19	13	94
Coyote Creek Watershed Plan Implementation	California Resource Connections, inc.	Tim Worley	Urban	Orange County	The Coyote Creek Watershed Management Plan contains many project recommendations that will not be undertaken by Orange County due to other competing priorities. This proposed Implementation Program would build capacity for cities in the watershed to identify and develop watershed projects, and a prioritized list of multiple-objective park and open space projects ready for implementation in one pilot city.	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0	Ineligible; active recreation.	The project does not meet RMC grant guidelines, by consisting primarily of active playground equipment.																
De Forest Park Wetland Restoration Project	Long Beach, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine, City of	Alina Bokde	River/ Tributary	Gateway	The DeForest Park Wetlands Restoration Project will restore 26-acres of historic wetlands, scrub and woodland habitat, provide water quality improvement, passive recreational amenities and interpretive enhancement while retaining flood control properties to create a river parkway along the lower Los Angeles River. This grant proposal is for the first Phase of implementation of the overall project. The project also includes improving the existing degraded pedestrian trail with enhanced trails, overlooks and educational displays. Project elements include improved spillways for storm drain outlets, regarded slope to restore stream flow and trails, installation of trash collection devices, removal of exotic plants, replanting of native plants, redirection of Market Street storm drain to wetland instead of pump forebay, and preparation and installation of educational and directive signage.	\$3,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$1,000,000	Partially fund. Award a feasibility grant in the amount of \$200,000 (\$50,000 for each of the highest scoring Emerald Necklace (EN) project applications) to further evaluate both the feasibility and prioritization of EN project segments based on the following criteria: 1) completion of previously funded segments; 2) analysis of matching fund opportunities; 3) feasibility prioritization based on land tenure, permitting and CEQA requirements for each segment and 4) prioritization of project elements based on a 12-36 month timeline for project completion.	Strengths: Improved Trail access to the San Gabriel River Trail, improved native plantings and signage. Adjacent to Urban Target Area, within River Target Area. Weakensses: Enhancing an existing Trail, no new. Opportunities: Increasing the amenities as well as use and visability of the San Gabriel River Trail. Threats: N/A Matching Funds: Cal Fire Grant, 2 Prop A Grants toatal of \$55,000.	15	1	5	14	0	6	11	0	2	3	3	4	4	12	15	95
Development of the Duck Farm Phase 1B	Watershed Conservation Authority	Tim Worley	River/ Tributary	SGVCOG	Phase 1B will include a new 150 space parking lot. Improvements to the access road will enhance access to a community garden and dog park. A meandering trail along enhanced riparian landscape and meadow will lead to an expanded river-edge promenade along the east bank of the San Gabriel River between Valley Boulevard and the new Visitor Center and amphitheatre/outdoor classroom adjacent to a 1 acre fresh water marsh landscape. Access improvements by means of sidewalk improvements and a pedestrian access ramp at Valley Boulevard. The existing equestrian facility will be expanded and improved.	\$9,155,355	\$9,408,638	\$0	Not recommended for funding. Applicant should investigate funding potential from other State grant programs (e.g. River Parkways), and from CalTrans for needed accessibility improvements to the site.	Strengths: This project has a high value for access to multiple recreational opportunities, and for habitat improvements, and is located in an urban target area. Weakness: It lacks matching funds for this phase of work, and has a high cost as a very extensive and complex development project. Public access is a challenge that needs to be addressed.	13	1	3	17	0	6	11	1	2	2	1	3	5	15	7	87
Eaton Wash Trail Development Project	Pasadena, City of	Alina Bokde	River/ Tributary	SGVCOG	Funding proposal is for the planning and design to extend the proposed Eaton Wash Trail approximately three miles north to south to create a new linkage between the Angeles National Forest/Eaton Canyon to the north through the City of Pasadena and continue south to connect with existing and planned regional trails. Proposed developments of the Easton Wash Trail consist of hiking, biking and walking trails within the City limits and contribute to the Golden Necklace. Presently inaccessible to the public, the trail will provide new public access and enhance access to existing trails between Eaton Canyon Nature Center and Angeles National Forest.	\$0	\$54,468	\$0	Not recommended for funding. Applicant should further develop trail locations and secure land tenure and improve application elemaents to be more consistent with RMC's policies.	Strength: Potential connection to regional trail network (Golden Necklace). Weaknesses: The project description was not developed well enough to understand the proposed alignment of the trail. No letter from the landowner (LACDPW) that demonstrates willingness to negotiate easement for proposed trail. No preliminary budget to indicate proposed improvement costs.	16	1	3	9	0	4	7	1	2	3	1	2	5	1	4	59

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El Dorado Regional Park Water Conservation and Water Quality Improvements	Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine, City of	Tim Worley	River/ Tributary	Gateway	This project is to convert the 6 lakes in El Dorado Regional Park and Nature Center from potable well water to excess reclaimed water. This would be done by installing nano-filtration plants at the northern-most lake in the Park and in the maintenance yard adjacent to the Nature Ctr. The nano-filtration will provide clean water to the lakes, and allow the lakes to overflow into the connecting streambeds, thereby providing increased circulation and cleansing of the lakes from the accumulation of pollutants that now occurs with the minimal overflow that now occurs. The estimated potable water savings would be 190 acre-feet per year.	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$0	Not recommended for funding. The project is too narrowly focused on a single benefit, converting a water source from potable to recycled water, resulting in a low evaluation score. Consider funding through IRWMP, Department of Water Resources grant programs, or Metropolitan Water District Conservation and Local Resource Programs.	Strength: Conversion to recycled water. Weakness: Little or no <u>new</u> park, habitat, or recreation development would result. Focuses too narrowly on a single benefit, without due consideration of possible improvements in habitat, recreation, and other amenities	4	0	1	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	13	24
Emerald Necklace Segment C2: Quarry/San Gabriel River to Ramona Blvd.	Amigos de los Rios Los Angeles County Department of Parks & Recreation	Jane Beesley	River/ Tributary	SGVCOG	The first phase of the Emerald Necklace Segment C2 project is for Survey, Outreach, Design and permits. The Emerald Necklace Segment C is a distance of 1.4 miles from Hanson Aggregates to Ramona Boulevard, with an enhanced access at Lower Azusa Ave and the San Gabriel River.	\$686,447	\$138,500	\$50,000	Partially fund. Award a feasibility grant in the amount of \$200,000 (\$50,000 for each of the highest scoring Emerald Necklace (EN) project applications) to further evaluate both the feasibility and prioritization of EN project segments based on the following criteria: 1) completion of previously funded segments; 2) analysis of matching fund opportunities; 3) feasibility prioritization based on land tenure, permitting and CEQA requirements for each segment and 4) prioritization of project elements based on a 12-36 month timeline for project completion.	Strengths: Create new access points for a 3 mile trail segment and enhance the existing trail with landscaping, signage and gathering areas. Weaknesses: Unclear on project design elements that would address project proposal of mitigating safety and design issues. Budget for planning was high for certain elements. Matching funds of \$56,600 from Proposition A and Cal Fire Grant.	15	0	5	12	0	8	11	3	2	2	3	2	4	21	6	94
Emerald Necklace-Segment A2 ACE-Garvey Avenue to Eaton Wash	Amigos de los Rios Los Angeles County Department of Parks & Recreation	Alina Bokde	River/ Tributary	SGVCOG	Grant proposal is for the planning and design of an existing trail along the west side of the Rio Hondo as a segment to the Emerald Necklace. The trail crosses the cities of Rosemead, Montebello, El Monte and South El Monte. The proposed project includes enhancing the trail to provide amenities to the user, interpretive signage, and native landscaping.	\$430,580	\$652,469	\$50,000	Partially fund. Award a feasibility grant in the amount of \$200,000 (\$50,000 for each of the highest scoring Emerald Necklace (EN) project applications) to further evaluate both the feasibility and prioritization of EN project segments based on the following criteria: 1) completion of previously funded segments; 2) analysis of matching fund opportunities; 3) feasibility prioritization based on land tenure, permitting and CEQA requirements for each segment and 4) prioritization of project elements based on a 12-36 month timeline for project alignment.	Strengths: Project is within the River and Urban Target Area. Creates multiple new points of access along Rio Hondo. Good attention is paid to the educational and interpretation opportunities, and water management priorities. Weaknesses: This project has little opportunity for habitat improvements or restoration, and may require additional coordination with LA County Department of Public Works.	13	0	5	2	0	10	11	0	2	2	1	2	5	15	15	83
Emerald Necklace Segment B2: From Valley to Peck Park South	Amigos de los Rios Los Angeles County Department of Parks & Recreation	Tim Worley	River/ Tributary	SGVCOG	This Emerald Necklace multi-benefit projects involves enhancing an existing county trail not currently open to the public with native landscaping, interpretive signage, and trail amenities to include benches, water fountain, and new decorative gates. The segment runs for 3 miles along the West Bank of the Rio Hondo through the LA County Flood Control right-of-way, connects and passes through the Rio Vista Park in El Monte. We propose to enhance connections between Valley Boulevard and Rio Vista Park, and between Rio Vista Park and the south entrance to Peck Park. We propose to improve the intersection where Lower Azusa, a major arterial, crosses the Rio Hondo. Project design would incorporate, where appropriate, vegetated swales to percolate water into the ground rather than loading the channel. The project remains the same, but would be phased. The Step 2 application requests funding for survey, outreach, design, and permitting.	\$353,400	\$154,000	\$50,000	Partially fund. Award a feasibility grant in the amount of \$200,000 (\$50,000 for each of the highest scoring Emerald Necklace (EN) project applications) to further evaluate both the feasibility and prioritization of EN project segments based on the following criteria: 1) completion of previously funded segments; 2) analysis of matching fund opportunities; 3) feasibility prioritization based on land tenure, permitting and CEQA requirements for each segment and 4) prioritization of project elements based on a 12-36 month timeline for project completion.	Strengths: On the SGR, new amenities and native plantings. Weaknesses: Enhancing an existing trail, no new, still needs an additional \$33,110 in funding for Phase 1 w/ RMC funding. Opportunities: Increasing the visibility and use of the Valley Blvd access to SGR Trail. Threats: N/A Matching Funds: \$18,200 from City of El Monte and Cal Forestry Grant.	15	1	5	8	0	12	13	0	2	3	3	4	4	19	15	##

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Emerald Necklace Segment E: Ramona Boulevard to the Whittier Narrows at Peck Road	Amigos de los Rios Los Angeles County Department of Parks & Recreation	Jane Beesley	River/ Tributary	SGVCOG	This funding request is for the initial phasing for the project, planning, design, outreach and CEQA. This Emerald Necklace Segment E is a multi benefit project that involves enhancing existing signage and trail amenities to include benches, water fountain & new decorative gates as appropriate. This segment runs 3.9 miles along the west bank of the San Gabriel River from Ramona to Peck Blvd.	\$344,000	\$165,700	\$50,000	Fund. This project is located in an urban target area and will result in a new trail connection, a trail between the two existing parks along with the refurbishment of the irrigation system to conserve water.	Strengths: This rehabilitation of this urban park in the Urban Target Area will utilize smart irrigation, create a trail clearly connecting park areas, increasing opportunities for a healthier community. Weaknesses: Refurbishment of an existing park, no new parkland., budget reflects large funding for project management costs. Opportunities: Threats: Matching Funds: None identified at this time. Future Funding Needs: \$3,400,000	7	0	4	1	0	12	13	0	2	3	2	4	5	17	8	78
Encanto-Fish Canyon Trail Project	Duarte, City of	Alina Bokde	River/ Tributary	SGVCOG	Grant proposal by the City is for the planning and design to extend the Encanto Nature Walk Trail north along the west bank of the San Gabriel River to provide trail access from Encanto Park and the San Gabriel River Bikeway to the trail developed by the City of Duarte to Fish Canyon Falls. Access will also be provided to the Van Tassel Motorway, designated as a County hiking trail. Non-native landscaping along Encanto Parkway will be remove and replaced by native plants. Interpretive and directional signs will be provided to supply trail users with information regarding the area's natural history and information on trail destinations.	\$455,000	\$52,284	\$0	Not recommended for funding. Applicant should further develop trail alignment and conservation elements.	Strengths: Create .7 miles of new trails. Weaknesses: Project did not contain any restoration, stewardship, sustainability, and water conservation features. No matching funds.	11	0	1	15	0	3	5	1	1	3	1	1	3	0	0	45
Greenway Trail Anti-Graffiti Measures	Whittier, City of	Alina Bokde	Urban	Gateway	The existing Greenway Trail, a Rails to Trails has been developed as a pedestrian path and bikeway which includes educational/interpretive stations throughout the trail. The grant proposes to enhance this existing trail, which will include anti-graffiti landscaping to enhance the bikeway and public use of the trail where needed, trellis will be installed to support the landscaping thus eliminating the graffiti. The proposed improvements will enhance children's safety on this bikeway. Additionally, an irrigation system will be based on evapo-transpiration rates and will capable of multiple irrigation cycles with programmable soak in times and match precipitation rate sprinkler heads.	\$780,020	\$620,116	\$0	Not recommended for funding. Application primarily emphasized mitigation measures on existing trails.	Strengths: Enhance the trail and address safety issues. Could be a good pilot project for addressing design issues. Weaknesses: Project did not result in any new trail or recreational area. No matching funds. Very limited on the educational/interpretive materials. Project did not meet many of the Grant Program goals.	2	0	1	0	0	6	2	0	1	3	3	1	4	4	0	27
Hollydale Garden Development Project	Central Basin Municipal Water District	Jane Beesley	River/ Tributary	Gateway	This project is to enhance water education for students and the public by providing a hands on demonstration garden that features drought resistant plants and water efficient irrigation. Located near the Los Angeles River at Hollydale Park in South Gate, this garden will be designed in conjunction with curriculum from the Hollydale Elementary School. Although fenced in for student safety, it will be visible and easily enjoyed by the community, with informational signage. Public tours will be offered through the school. The City of South Gate is an "impacted city" and the project will enhance urban land, as defined under the Green urban Space designation.	\$139,320	\$139,320	\$0	Not recommended for funding. The project only utilizes drought tolerant plants. Access limited.	Strengths: Adjacent to LA River, collaboration with School & Water Distrct, water education Weaknesses: Access limited, drought tolerant plants not necessarily native Opportunities: Education of community on water issues and gardens, collaboration with Water District Threats: N/A Matching Funds: None, In Kind donations high value	6	0	4	0	0	5	13	0	2	3	2	1	2	5	11	54
Huntington Park Trail and Open Space Development	Huntington Park, City of	Jane Beesley	Urban	Gateway	Huntington Park Trail and Open Space Development Project has been phased to request funding for the first phase. Phase 1 is: Planning, Design, CEQA and Permits. Planning, design development and rehabilitation of the 5.8 acres of open space and 1.63 trail miles at Salt Lake Park and adjacent DWP transmission corridor. Salt Lake park trail development to include more than 6000 feet of trail space. Rehabilitation will include complete replacement of irrigation systems to improve water conservation and hydrate native landscaping to be installed around the trail, Project also includes installation of lighting to illuminate trail for evening use, and installation of trail signage and fitness zones. DWP portion to include the lease and development of 10 parcels of land into trail and open space.	\$3,925,000	\$585,000	\$585,000	Fund. Project completes a small hilltop portion of this natural park, and removes unauthorized uses by adjoining residents.	Strengths: High amount of matching funds. Completes a small hilltop portion of this natural park, and removes unauthorized uses by adjoining residents. Weaknesses: This is a relatively small area, at just over one acre, which limits its value for habitat. Threat: Most unauthorized uses have been stopped by city enforcement, so the threat of further degradation is probably low.	8	0	3	14	10	4	8	0	1	2	2	1	3	1	0	57

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Huntington Park Water Reservoir	Huntington Park, City of	Valorie Shatynski	Urban	Gateway	Assessment of feasibility & planning for converting one or more of five existing water reservoir sites to an underground facility with the intention of utilizing the remaining surface area for compatible open space park uses. Water reservoirs range in size from 0.26 - 2.1 acres. Phase 2 to include design, permit, management and construction costs associated with converting one or more of the reservoirs. Phase 3 to include development for open space recreation area. Phase 1: \$555,000 (site #12 only = \$60,000), Conversion estimated \$2.5 million.	\$2,430,000	\$2,755,000	\$0	Not recommended for funding. Recommend investigation of other funding sources for feasibility study and development	Strengths - Park poor community, creative concept for open space potential. Weaknesses - only one site has potential for access to regional trail, and that site is via a railroad right of way (possibly abandoned - unclear). Opportunities: to truly reach out and involve the community - the plan to include an employment element presents an opportunity to involve/employ at-risk youth and students interested in the environmental science field. Threats - vandalism, crime	4	0	2	0	0	12	13	0	1	1	0	2	1	17	1	54
Joint Use Nature Trail Columbia School- El Monte City School District	El Monte City School District/ Amigos de Los Rios	Valorie Shatynski	Urban	SGVCOG	Columbia School is a five acre facility of the El Monte City School District located in a park deficient area of the City. District wishes to optimize use of existing school yard by opening it up to the community after school hours and on weekends. The multi-benefit project includes a sports field outfitted with state of the art water conserving irrigation system surrounded by a nature trail/fitness loop. Funding is requested to include an educational kiosk, interpretive signage, water fountains & benches. Application for planning phase only.	\$367,000	\$158,300	\$0	Fund if deemed feasible. Feasibility will be determined for all project applications in the Whittier Narrows area pending completion of the Whittier Narrows Development Plan. At this time there does not appear to be any urgency regarding the current project applications.	Strengths: Strong water management elements and habitat improvements are incorporated in this project. Educational / interpretive features are included. Weaknesses: No matching funds.	11	0	3	16	0	5	11	2	2	2	2	3	4	2	19	82
Joint Use Nature Trail, Gidley Elementary School- El Monte City School District	El Monte City School District/ Amigos de Los Rios	Valorie Shatynski	Urban	SGVCOG	Gidley School is a three acre facility of the El Monte City School District located in a park deficient area of the City. District wishes to optimize use of existing school yard by opening it up to the community after school hours and on weekends. The multi-benefit project includes a sports field outfitted with state of the art water conserving irrigation system surrounded by a nature trail/fitness loop. Funding is requested to include: Creation of native habitat area consisting of trees & shrubs around perimeter of sports fields, an educational kiosk, interpretive signage, water fountains & benches. Application for planning phase only.	\$367,000	\$90,300	\$0	Fund if grant can be matched by other sources. Recommend investigation of matching funding sources, due to large cost of acquisition.	Strengths: Adjacent to San Dimas Park, provides buffer and includes critical Coastal Sage Scrub habitat. Weaknesses: Management and public access after acquisition not clear. Stakeholders, stewardship, restoration opportunities not provided. Inclusion/proximity to Conceptual Area Protection Plan and/or Land Acquisition Evaluation Report not discussed. No matching funds. Opportunities: Future connectivity to a larger area, possible funding from Wildlife Conservation Board, potential cooperative relationships with La Verne, Los Angeles County should be investigated. Threats: Apparent development threat documented in past years.	7	3	2	27	0	3	6	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	52
LA and SG Rivers Habitat Restoration Program	Los Angeles and San Gabriel rivers Waterched Council	Jane Beesley	River/ Tributary	Multiple COG	This grant request by the Los Angeles & San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council will: (1) establish a local, documented source of native seeds (propagates) to increase genetically-appropriate plants for restoration/revitalization projects in the watersheds; (2) establish a program for collecting and distributing the propagates; and (3) increase collaboration among resource agencies, Non0Governmental Organizations, and growers through a series of meetings, trainings, and a user-friendly database of projects. The Watershed Council will manage the project, maintain the project database, and monitor seed collection sites. Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden will verify documented collections, collect specified seeds, and manage seed databases. Projected to be a three-year program, we showing a one-year budget for seed money.	\$250,000	\$219,346	\$0	Ineligible. Grant criteria specify a limit on planning portion of projects, for eligibility.	Strength: This application starts with a good concept: the importance of developing feasible projects to implement the Coyote Creek Watershed Plan. Weakness: A true project was not defined, and could not be scored as such.																
La Verne Open Space ANF Connection: Anabi Property Acquisition	La Verne Land Conservancy	Valorie Shatynski	Mountains, Hills, Foothills	SGVCOG	The La Verne Land Conservancy would like to acquire a 33-acre parcel located in North La Verne that is privately owned by the Anabi family. Acquisition of this property would allow the City to move forward with development and management of a new trail connection leading from the lower elevation properties to the Sunset Ridge Mountain Road. The La Verne Land Conservancy would provide management of this parcel in conjunction with the City's management plan for the existing open space parcels.	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000	\$0	Fund if deemed feasible. Staff proposes to work with applicants and other stakeholders to determine feasibility and prioritization of Compton Creek based on the Regional Garden Master Plan and return to the Board with a recommendation of funding for planning and design.	Strengths: Project located in Urban and River Target area. Would open new access point to the creek. Weaknesses: Project concept not well defined, additionally, the budget needs to be better developed to incorporate proposed improvements. Low matching funds. Phase 1 funding needs: \$800,000	15	0	2	2	0	6	9	0	1	3	3	3	3	19	10	76

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LACC Restoration Projects	LA Conservation Corps	Valorie Shatynski	Urban	SGVCOG	Crews from the LACC possess numerous skills to be used on a variety of RMC projects. These skills include but are not limited to demolition, general construction, removal of nonnative vegetation, native seed collection, trail building and maintenance., habitat restoration, recycling programs & construction. LACC crews are also well versed in making educational presentations concerning environmental issues to schools & in community @ multiple venues. RMC funding will provide 258 days or 10,320 hours crew labor. Project funding covers all costs to provide a crew including supervision, transportation, insurance, tools, uniforms and safety equipment. Project funding does not include material costs to complete assigned projects.	\$250,000	\$250,000	0	Withdrawn. City self-deferred to 2009/10 funding cycle, no step 2 application submitted.	Not scored, City self-deferred to 2009/10 funding cycle.																
LCWA Bixby/Dean Acquisition	Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority	Tim Worley	River/ Tributary	Gateway	After being owned by the Bixby Land Company since the 1800's, this 185 acre property was recently sold to a local private land owner, Thomas Dean. This project would be to negotiate with the new owner to acquire the surface rights to this precious property. It contains over 45 acres of pristine tidal salt marsh habitat, as well as several acres of brackish marsh mixed with an abundance of degraded salt marsh in need of rehabilitation. Currently Breitburn Energy leases the land for oil operations. The Step 2 application is phased, with the requested funds only covering preacquisition work.	\$18,000,000	\$190,000	\$0	Not recommended for funding. No matching funds were identified, and the project lacked elements of educational, water resource, or restoration that might be expected in such a location.	Strengths: Key property adjacent to other LCWA land. Weaknesses: Application does not document potential educational, water resource, or restoration value, and there are no matching funds. Opportunity: Expand protected and managed wetlands, extend trail and recreation access.	9	0	0	13	0	2	7	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	2	38
LCWA Wetlands Rest & Recre Access-Bryant	Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority	Tim Worley	River/ Tributary	Gateway	In June of 2006 the LCWA purchased 66 acres of Los Cerritos Wetlands from Bryants. However, the Bryants retained the portions of the property that are adjacent to the nearest road. Purchasing the frontage property is integral to developing a comprehensive restoration plan for the area and would allow the design of public trails that will connect the communities of Southeast Long Beach to Seal Beach. The Bryant Phase 2 Acquisition is composed of a 12 acre parcel just west of the San Gabriel River and another nearly 5 acres just east of the river. The Step 2 application took a phased approach, with requested funds to be applied to planning and design for wetland restoration and stewardship planning, including hydrologic studies.	\$10,000,000	\$442,000	\$225,000	Partially fund. Recommend combining scope of studies for both Hellman (Project ID #104) and Bryant (#102) properties.	Strengths: Project can protect and improve riparian habitat and public access for low-impact recreation. An Interim Stewardship and Management Plan is in place. Weaknesses: Lacks matching funds. Future Funding Needs: construction cost for wetland restoration on Bryant property is estimated at \$17 million.	13	0	4	17	0	4	13	2	1	1	3	3	4	2	13	80
LCWA Wetlands Restoration & Recreation Access-Hellman	Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority	Jane Beesley	River/ Tributary	Gateway	The LCWA is currently engaged in negotiations to purchase 100 acres of wetlands from the Hellmans. Once this purchase is completed, LCWA will initiate the restoration of the salt marsh and upland habitat. A large part of this project will involve a costly hydrological engineering aspect intended to improve the tidal flushing on the site and the other sites under the LCWA's control or ownership. This land has been privately owned for over a century and LCWA wants to improve the recreational access by linking it with other neighboring parks and communities of Seal beach. Phase One is acquisition of the Hellman Property, with this project as Phase 2 the Analysis, Restoration plan and Recreational Access Plan and Design.	\$5,000,000	\$423,000	\$225,000	Partially fund. Recommend combining scope of studies for both Hellman (Project ID #104) and Bryant (#102) properties.	Strengths; Capturing and restoring some of the last remaining wetlands, community access and education. Weaknesses: Timing of purchase is unknown Opportunities; Analysis and restoration of wetlands at the mouth of the San Gabriel River Threats; Development if acquisiton is not completed, chance of losing ability to restore and sustain wetlands at the mouth of the San Gabriel River. Matching Funds: Grant from Wildlife Conervation Board for Acquisition \$5,700,000 as well as equal matching funding for the studies from the Coastal Conservancy. Future Funding Needs: \$7,000,000 for development of the access and restoration of the wetlands.	11	2	5	16	10	4	11	3	2	2	4	4	5	3	15	97
Mary Vandyke Park Nature Trail Enhancement	South El Monte, City of	Valorie Shatynski	Urban	SGVCOG	Mary Van Dyke is an existing community park located in the City of South El Monte. The City proposes to upgrade the restrooms and playground area and add a nature trail with interpretive signage. The project will include decomposed granite and concrete walkways, native landscaping, interpretive signage for environmental education, benches and picnic tables.	\$126,100	\$562,034	\$562,034	Partially fund. Funding would be for consultants to assist with negotiations and preparation of due diligence documents related to acquisition from willing sellers.	Strengths: Strong habitat and water resources project that contain a unique habitat area threatened by development. Weaknesses: No matching funds, unclear of the status of willing sellers. Note: Applicant is receiving RMC funds for the Phase I acquisition.	6	0	2	27	0	3	6	2	0	3	2	0	4	0	0	55

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Maywood Avenue Park/ Development	Trust for Public Land	Valorie Shatynski	Urban	Gateway	This project will entail the development of a new pocket park on a vacant lot owned by City. The park will be located on one of Maywood's most dense streets filled with a mix of overcrowded apartments, mixed use commercial and industrial businesses. The site is located on the western boundary of the City where park services are far and few between. In a community where residents are plagued with chronic health conditions such as obesity and high blood pressure. the park will provide a place for exercise, relation, and community development.	\$629,665	\$629,665	\$0	Not recommended for funding. Investigate funding sources, i.e., Urban Parks Program, Trust for Public Land	Strengths: project uses publicly owned, blighted property in an underserved mixed use area of Maywood which has no nearby parks. Weaknesses: TPL has identified conditional/tentative matching funds, but provided no information in the application. Application did not provide information related to stakeholders, stewardship, public health value and educational/interpretive sections. Opportunities: Provide a small oasis for residents and employees of businesses in an underserved area. Threats: Safety, Crime NOTE: 8/22/08 TPL agreed to follow up with additional funding information and has not.	8	0	0	0	0	6	11	0	1	2	0	2	0	19	1	50
Maywood Riverfront Park Project-Phase 2	Maywood, city of	Jane Beesley	River/ Tributary	Gateway	The project is the second phase of Maywood Riverfront Park. This project is the final implementation of Maywood Riverfront Park this phase includes open space consisting of native & ornamental landscaping, picnic areas, river viewpoints, bike/pedestrian trails and bilingual interpretation that will comprehensively serve for passive recreational activities, promote public health, and link the community to the Los Angeles River Greenway Project.	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$125,000	Fund. Excellent multi-purpose enhancements and maintenance to existing park space.	Strengths: High quality multipurpose improvements to existing urban park such as passive uses, interpretive, water quality. Construction plans complete, 68% matching funds in place. Weaknesses: Enhancements and improvements to existing park space, Los Angeles River plant palette used must be revised to San Gabriel River palette, California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Exemption would need to be updated to include passive elements requested in application. Opportunities: Public health, interpretive elements in a highly underserved, urbanized area. Threats: Application to RMC for passive elements appears to be added to park rehabilitation planning, lack of RMC funding may result in exclusion of these elements, per testimony at 9/22 RMC Board meeting	9	0	4	0	10	8	13	0	1	1	2	3	3	10	8	72
Montebello Rio Hondo Riverscape Conservatory	Montebello, Department of Parks & Recreation, City of	Tim Worley	River/ Tributary	SGVCOG	The City of Montebello intends to preserve and promote the San Gabriel Valley River Trails, which is the only stream that has not been altered. Plans include clearing the invasive non-native foliage to improve flood capacity; restoring natural habitat landscape, providing clean and safe trail linkage into the Rio Hondo Trails, the Bosque Rio Hondo, and establishing a Conservatory. Redeveloping this area that has been neglected for years will provide unique parkland amenities in the inner city. An education facility promoting environmental enrichment will service the patrons using bike paths, horse trails and passive recreation in the Montebello Riverscape Conservatory. In Step 2, the project has been divided into phases, with funding requested for the first phase to complete design, permitting, CEQA compliance, and construction drawings.	\$9,000,000	\$2,328,000	\$0	Fund if deemed feasible, only those elements consistent with existing plans. All project applications in the Whittier Narrows area await consideration pending completion of the Whittier Narrows Development Plan. At this time there does not appear to be any urgency regarding the current project applications.	Strength: This project should improve access and trail user safety, with some habitat improvements as well. Weakness: The full project has a high cost with limited matching funds in hand, and does not result in new trails. Opportunity: Potential matching funds are described; applicant may continue to negotiate for matching funds from other sources. Threats: Project is likely inconsistnet with plans by Water Replenishment District, flood control function and redundant educational facilities.	13	2	5	20	0	6	11	3	2	1	2	4	5	2	17	93
Multi-purpose Trial /Landscape Development Project	South Gate, City of	Valorie Shatynski	Urban	Gateway	Phase 1 planning: \$365,000 includes design/survey/permits. The project will beautify, enhance access and provide low impact recreation opportunities by improving the southern 25 feet of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) right of way between Santa Fe Avenue and the Los Angeles River Trail system. The improvements consist of a multi-purpose trail, in addition to eliminating the visual blight of the UPRR right of way. The City of South Gate is an "impacted city" and the project will enhance urban land, as defined under the Urban Green Space designation.	\$2,898,600	\$2,898,600	\$365,000	Fund. High scoring in River/Tributary Program with strong water conservation and Best Management Practices built into the plans. Funding award would complete the project and leverage significant matching funds.	Strengths; Refurbishment of park includes the water saving, BMP features, native plantings and interpretive elements in a River Target Area. Weaknesses; None Opportunities; RMC has funded the planning portion of this park, the collaboration has resulted in a plan that utilizes RMC principles within an active park in a disadvantaged community. Threats; Matching Funds: \$2,653,769 from LA River Parkway Grant, Prop 12 Grant, Prop 40 Grants, LA County Grant and the City of San Gabriel Funds. Future Funding Needs: This completes the full funding for the project.	15	2	5	2	10	5	13	0	2	2	2	4	5	12	17	96

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Native Habitat Restoration, Trail Improvements, Compton	Compton, City of	Jane Beesley	River/ Tributary	Gateway	The project is for the first phase of the project that will complete the planning, design and CEQA for the trail which will then restore native habitat along the existing multipurpose trail adjacent to Compton Creek. Along the more than half mile trail, native riparian landscaping will be planted, educational signage and recreational amenities will be installed, and the existing chain link fencing will be replaced with a decorative fence. Access points at Compton and Alondra Boulevards will be made wheelchair accessible. Stormwater runoff will be collected, treated with Best management Practices (BMPs), and recycled in a graywater irrigation system.	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$0	Fund if deemed feasible. Work with applicants and other stakeholders to determine feasibility and prioritization of Compton Creek based on the Regional Garden Master Plan and return to the Board with a recommendation of funding for planning and design.	Strengths: Project is within the River and Urban Target Area, includes strong water quality elements, improves Los Angeles River Trail access and amenities in Compton. Weaknesses: Project will require permits/approvals from USACE and LADPW, likely impacting timeline. Timeline/budget in application are for Cocoa Street project, Compton did not respond to RMC staff requests for correct timeline/budget. Opportunities: To create amenities and along the Los Angeles River in the Urban Target Area. Threats: Matching Funds: Step 2 narrative states City will provide 10% of design costs, but Resolution states, "no impact to General Fund." Future Funding Needs: \$1,350,000	8	0	3	2	0	8	13	0	2	1	3	4	4	19	19	86
New Temple Park	South El Monte, City of	Valorie Shatynski	Urban	SGVCOG	New Temple is an existing neighborhood park that accommodates many organized community sports events. The City proposes to create a nature trail loop around the existing athletic fields and support buildings of the park. The nature trail will include native trees, shrubs, interpretive signage and benches. The project will be designed to educate park users on water resources, natural and cultural history of the area. Application is for planning only	\$219,000	\$126,000	\$0	Not recommended for funding. Investigate funding sources for matching funds for planning and ~\$1M for development elements to this existing park.	Strengths - Matching Funds \$81,800 from City for planning phase. Weaknesses: existing park improvements, no funding identified for development phase +\$1 million.	8	0	4	0	0	8	9	0	1	2	2	1	1	15	2	53
Northside Park Playground Development	Azusa, City of	Tim Worley	Urban	SGVCOG	The Playground Development and Low Impact Recreation Project at Northside Park will ... augment existing recreation amenities on site.... The proposed GeoSculpt™ play unit will provide a unique opportunity for children ages 10 and up. GeoSculpt Standards™ combine minimum play value with realistic hand sculpted climbing. More than just rocks, GeoSculpt™ Standards are interactive sculptures that feature both natural and artistic elements. The Yosemite Boulder would be one of only a few in the State of California.	\$50,000	\$37,500	\$0	Incomplete application	Not evaluated, incomplete application 1) Step 2 did not include budget, evaluation criteria, and was not signed/submitted by the Step 1 agency (City of El Monte). Staff requested missing pieces in event these had been lost on our end, only evaluation criteria was provided.																
Norwalk Dog Park Acquisition & Development	Norwalk, City of	Valorie Shatynski	River/ Tributary	SGVCOG	City proposes to acquire and develop approximately 1.5 acres of vacant land located south of Briar Street and adjacent to the San Gabriel River. Initial City inquiry indicates this property to be under fee ownership by the LA County Flood Control District. This property is mainly unimproved easement and not suited for urban street use. However, this site presents an ideal setting for a dog park that would encompass facilities for parking, large dog area, small dog area and access to the San Gabriel River Hose and Bicycle trails.	\$830,000	\$830,000	0	Ineligible. Project does not fit criteria, however project is needed to fulfill requirements of grants within the territory. Team recommends RMC staff further partner to establish nursery program.	Project does not fit criteria, however project is needed to fulfill requirements of grants within the territory. Team recommends RMC staff further partner to establish nursery program.																
Peck Water Conservation Park Master Plan	El Monte, City of/ Amigos de los Rios	Alina Bokde	River/ Tributary	SGVCOG	Proposal by the City and Amigos de los Rios is for Phase 2 of the master plan at Peck Water Conservation Park, a unique 200 acre quarry now serving as a water management & recreation facility. The area consists of two lakes in a figure 8 shape. A concept master plan was completed by Amigos in 2005. The elements of this proposed master plan build on the concept plan work and include master plan elements for water resources, habitat restoration, enhanced trails and recreation opportunities, sustainable development guidelines, and interpretive signage as well as a review of revenue generation opportunities for park operators and maintenance. The master plan will benefit from the proposed ALTA survey for the area.	\$202,720	\$96,400	\$0	Not recommended for funding. Staff recommends working with applicant and stakeholders to determine feasibility and prioritization of project elements related to meeting Emerald Necklace Program goals.	Strengths: Applicant would facilitate a master plan process with multi-agencies involved in Peck Park. Weaknesses: Project proposal did not define scope of work. Unclear of project goals and outcomes. Feasibility work was previously funded by RMC for Peck Park.	6	0	3	3	5	3	9	1	1	3	1	3	2	3	8	51

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Peck Water Conservation Park Trail Development	El Monte, City of/ Amigos de los Rios	Valorie Shatynski	Urban	SGVCOG	Project with four aspects of a multi-benefit 200 acre recreation facility; including restoration/enhancement of habitat; creation of educational demonstration gardens & a network of trails. Creation of continuous 1.8 mile multi-modal equestrian, walking, biking trail c connecting east & west shores of the lake, surrounding schools and residential areas in a park poor area. new interpretive vistas/seating areas will be created along the trail which has a very pronounced topography. Amenities will include: interpretive signage, water fountains, benches, picnic areas and upgraded restroom and parking lot with Best Management Practices for water quality	\$4,663,855	not provided	\$0	Withdrawn. Applicant Removed application due to award of grant from Resources Agency for project.	Withdrawn. Applicant Removed application due to award of grant from Resources Agency for project.																
Pine/Falling Leaf Pocket Park	Rosemead, City of	Tim Worley	Urban	SGVCOG	The City of Rosemead is proposing to develop pocket parks in three vacant parcels located underneath Southern California Edison (SCE) transmission line right-of-way areas. The needed parks are located in dense residential areas that contain little space. The application is to make improvements to the undeveloped parcel between Pine Street and Falling Leaf Avenue. The Pocket Parks will include native riparian landscape, walking trails, interpretive kiosks, and passive recreational amenities. The project will consist of two phases and involve contributions from City staff, the public, SCE, and neighboring residents. These projects are part of a larger vision to create a continuous greenway space along the entire SCE easement through the City of Rosemead.	\$550,000	\$549,681	\$0	Not recommended for funding due to relatively low evaluation scores for urban land value, water management, habitat, and restoration criteria.	Strengths: This is a good effort to create usable open space from a power transmission corridor. The applicant shows a commitment of local matching funds, and to developing the recreational aspects of the proposed project. Weaknesses: The project location falls outside the Urban target area, which results in low score for urban land value. The project also is relatively weak on water management, habitat, and restoration criteria.	9	0	5	3	5	10	9	0	2	1	2	1	3	4	2	56
Planning for Phase 2 of the Duck Farm project	Watershed Conservation Authority	Tim Worley	River/ Tributary	SGVCOG	Phases 1A and 1B provide for design and construction of open space elements at the Duck Farm north of Avocado Creek to Valley Blvd. Phase 2 will extend the planning and implementation of the project to include those areas south of Avocado Creek and seek to continue the River Commons Promenade to San Jose Creek to the SG River Bike Trail. The planning implementation will include input from the City of Industry and SCE to seek zoning and additional agreements to complete the Duck Farm Project.	\$25,000,000	\$457,725	\$0	Fund if deemed feasible. Applicant should investigate funding potential from other State grant programs (e.g. River Parkways), and from CalTrans for needed accessibility improvements to the site.	Strength: Improved access and good interpretive elements, habitat improvements. Weakness: High cost and limited matching funds.	13	1	3	17	0	6	11	1	2	2	1	3	5	15	7	87
Puente Creek & La Seda Restoration	Los Angeles County Flood Control District	Tim Worley	River/ Tributary	SGVCOG	The project consists of the development of a 13,000 square foot property using low impact development practices that incorporates native plant swales. The project will also serve as a recreational and educational resource for students and the community. Implementation of the project requires successfully negotiating a joint use agreement with the School District. The Step 2 application requests funds for preconstruction costs only.	\$150,000	\$30,000	\$0	Not recommended for funding, due to relatively low evaluation scores for habitat, recreation, and stakeholder involvement.	Strength: Application of innovative storm water management for improved water quality. Weakness: Partnership with school not yet worked out; very limited habitat, recreation, urban park, or other opportunities.	6	0	2	9	10	3	7	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	11	50
Riparian/Scrub Raptor Field Restoration (WNNA)	Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation	Jane Beesley	River/ Tributary	SGVCOG	The Riparian/Scrub Raptor Field Restoration Project is for assessment, weed & invasive plants removal, planning and restoration of the Raptor Field in Whittier Narrows Regional Park at the Nature Center. This is for only the planning & assessment phase of the project.	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$0	Fund if deemed feasible. All project applications in the Whittier Narrows area await consideration pending completion of the Whittier Narrows Development Plan. At this time there does not appear to be any urgency regarding the current project applications.	Strength: Restoration of habitat along San Gabriel River Weakness: Project not well defined and potentially overlaps with RMC funded projects. Opportunity: Enhance habitat Threat: N/A Matching Funds: None	6	2	0	16	0	3	4	1	0	3	3	1	2	0	11	52
Robert Reed Ranch Preserve Acquisition Project	Riverlands Preservation Trust of the Rio San Gabriel (Rio Trust), The	Tim Worley	Mountains, Hills, Foothills	SGVCOG	Rio Trust proposes the acquisition of property in the Puente Hills adjacent to Rowland Heights, for stewardship, development and preservation of open space. The acquisition would: a) facilitate the connectivity of Schabarum Regional Park through the extension of trails and hiking paths; b) provide for the restoration and protection of endangered native species of plants and animals; c) provide for the continuation of available habitat for indigenous wildlife; d) promote fire safety through restoration with naturally fire resistant native plant species; and e) provide recreational and educational facilities.	\$4,808,800	\$4,808,800	\$0	Not recommended for funding due a low evaluation score.	Strength: Location offers potential for trail extensions, an equestrian staging area, and habitat protection. Weakness: Application provided incomplete budget information and an incomplete narrative, resulting in relatively low evaluation scores.	8	0	2	10	0	3	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	32

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San Gabriel River Confluence w/ Cattle Canyon Improvement Project	Watershed Conservation Authority	Tim Worley	Mountains, Hills, Foothills	SGVCOG	This project is to do improvements on the portion of the confluence of the East Fork of the San Gabriel River with Cattle Canyon and its creek. This project will include a feasibility study, development of the site, interpretive and directional signage, habitat restoration, an outreach program utilizing the Southern California Consortium project and a study on the effectiveness of the outreach. This pilot project will be completed with the intent that it is replicable in other areas of the Angeles National Forest and the San Gabriel River Watershed. This project is a collaboration of the U.S. Forest Service, Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, Sierra Club, Southern California Consortium, and the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, with all of the partners allocating staff time to the project. (Total request over three phases.) Phase 1: \$766,584; Phase 2: \$1,847,579; Phase 3: \$95,794	\$1,000,000	\$2,709,957	\$766,584	Fund. Project has a high habitat value, is the last of the acreage needed to complete the Monrovia Hillside Preserve. Previous acquisitions for the Preserve has had approximately \$10 million in matching funds.	Strengths: Important in-holding property with popular trail and strong habitat valuers. Completes the last large hillside acquisition for the Monrovia Hillside Preserve. Weaknesses: No matching funds for this particular parcel. Matching Funds: Past matching for the other acquisitions in the Preserve total over \$10 million from City Bond. Threats: Low threat of development.	9	0	5	27	0	2	5	0	1	3	4	0	3	0	0	59
San Gabriel River Trail extension to ARWP	Watershed Conservation Authority	Alina Bokde	River/ Tributary	SGVCOG	This is the design and the development of an extension of the San Gabriel River Trail from its current end in Azusa to the Azusa River Wilderness Park, the parking lot of El Encanto.	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	0	Ineligible - work may be submitted for a subcontract of the Duck Farm Phase 1B Watershed Conservation Authority grant request 2009/10 cycle	Strengths: Weaknesses: Opportunitites: Matching Funds: LACC Prop 84 \$50,000, this would fall under Watershed Conservation Authority application in 2009/10 cycle																
San Gabriel River: Watershed Improvement Program	San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy	Jane Beesley	River/ Tributary	SGVCOG	The San Gabirel River Waste Removal Multi-element project is a partnership between the San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy and the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito Vector Control District to address recreational watershed issues and stewardship training for the region's youth. Project includes procurement of vitally needed composting public toilets for high use, sensitive areas of the river. The program relies on the partnership, capital improvement and use of Vector Control Districts facilities where participants conduct lab research, mentoring and stewardship education activities.	\$422,410	\$426,951	\$0	Not recommended for funding. This project does not fit the initial criteria of new park, new trail, new habitat. It is an education & research project. There is no evidence of partnership with USFS, which is critical to placing composting toilets within the Angeles Forest.	Strength: Education program on the river/water with youth to learn about personal actions affecting water quality & what/why good water quality is critical. Weakness: No proof of agreement for USFS to place toilets or do program in the Angeles Forest, no site control on placement of composting toilets. Program not attached to a specific site/park. Matching Funds: \$75,000 from Industry Manufacturers Council for construction supplies & SGMRC \$55,000..	0	1	3	4	0	2	4	0	1	2	2	2	0	2	9	32
San Gabriel/Pine Pocket Park-Rosemead	Rosemead, City of	Jane Beesley	Urban	SGVCOG	The City of Rosemead is proposing to develop pocket parks in 3 vacant parcels located underneath SCE transmission line right of way areas. The proposed parks are located in dense residential areas that contain little open space. This application is to develop the design, secure the lease agreements, and construct the improvements to the undeveloped parcel between Pine Street and San Gabriel Blvd. The pocket parks will include native riparian landscaping, walking trails, interpretive kiosks and passive recreational amenities. This project consists of 2 phases and involves contributions from city staff, the public, SCE and neighboring residents.	\$550,000	\$548,340	\$548,340	Partially fund for Phase 1 planning and documentation of California Environmental Quality Act with technical assistance support from RMC in developing project scope and work. Staff will work with applicant to identify matching funds.	Strengths: Target Urban area with no prior RMC funding. Project would create new access and greenways through a dense and urban area. Project would bring high recreational amenities to an underserved area. Weaknesses: No matching funds and project concept very preliminary. Need RMC assistance with developing scope of project. No support letters. Need to do community outreach as part of concept plan.	13	2	5	0	0	8	11	0	1	3	0	3	5	21	2	74
San Jose Creek Multiuse Study	Los Angeles County Flood Control District	Alina Bokde	River/ Tributary	SGVCOG	LA County Flood Control District proposes to evaluate the feasibility of developing a multiuse project along the San Jose Creek. Purpose of the project is to treat and recharge stormwater from San Jose Creek and provide passive recreational opportunities.	\$0	\$500,000	\$0	Not recommended for funding. Recommend that applicant further develop concept and address issues related to public access, land tenure, and multi-use elements.	Strengths: Project is within the Wildlife Corridor and included matching funds. Weaknesses: Project description was unclear and undeveloped. No guarantee of public access. No defined recreational opportunities. No partnerships.	2	0	0	8	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	
Santa Fe Basin Gateway Nature Trail	Duarte, City of	Jane Beesley	River/ Tributary	SGVCOG	The City of Duarte has received a grant from MTA to develop, in collaboration with the LA county Public works, a class A bicycle path through the Santa Fe Dam lower spreading basin area. This trail will greatly benefit Duarte residents by providing direct access from the City of Hope area in Duarte to the San Gabriel River Bikeway. The RMC grant will provide native plant landscaping, interpretive signage, a nature loop, and other amenities to enhance casual visitor use of the area of the Santa Fe Basin and provide users with important environmental information.	\$386,000	\$378,622	\$50,000	Partially fund. Fund half of requested funds and have City request LA River funding from SMMC (Prop A)	Strengths: On the LA River, Target Urban Area, this phase completes the Maywood Riverfront Park. Weaknesses: None Opportunities: Completion of a park in the Urban Target Area. Threats: None w/exception of inappropriate uses by public while the parcel remains vacant land Matching Funds: \$130,000 from Ctiy.	10	1	5	4	10	10	13	0	0	3	2	4	4	21	21	##
Santa Fe Dam Bike Trail Enhancement Project	Watershed Conservation Authority	N/A	Urban	SGVCOG	No Step 2 submitted	\$420,000	\$420,000	\$0	Incomplete. No Step 2 submitted	No Step 2 submitted																

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Santa Fe Dam Campground Development	Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, County of	Jane Beesley	River/ Tributary	SGVCOG	The funding request if for the planning, design and CEQA for the campground enhancements consisting of installing fire rings, an amphitheater, seating, grading and providing native landscaping throughout the campground. The project also includes the development of an interpretive site displaying educational signage and low impact interactive equipment to interpret historical "Speed of light" experiments conducted by Einstein and Michelson at the turn of the century.	\$1,575,136	\$213,000	\$0	Not recommended for funding. Staff recommends working with applicant and stakeholders to determine feasibility and prioritization of project elements related to meeting Emerald Necklace Program goals.	Strengths: Weaknesses: Project doesn't include elements that would tie it to the San Gabriel River Trail that runs through the park, no new park or trail. Budget reflects \$45,000 for CEQA utilizing a NOE. Opportunities: N/A Threats: N/A Matching Funds: None for Phase 1, \$100,000 Phase 2 from Prop A.	2	1	3	13	0	4	8	1	1	3	2	3	3	5	4	53
Schabarum Blueline Stream Restoration Project	Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, County of	Alina Bokde	River/ Tributary	SGVCOG	Proposal by the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation for blue line stream restoration, bank naturalization, removal of excess concrete and invasive/non-native plant species, day lighting, native plantings, habitat restoration and interpretive signage.	\$2,216,140	\$2,752,088	\$0	Not recommended for funding. Applicant should develop project concepts to incorporate Grant Program priorities.	Strengths: Enhance and restore the Blueline Stream within Schabarum Park. Project would remove debris and exotics from the stream, strong restoration value. Weaknesses: No matching funds, no recreational value (already existing park), no community involvement, and no new trails or multi-use purposes. No strong partnerships identified and budget seemed excessive.	4	4	1	17	0	2	2	2	1	1	2	3	1	0	15	55
Skyline Trail/Rio Hondo Staging Area Development	Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, County of	Tim Worley	Mountains, Hills, Foothills	SGVCOG	The proposed project will provide site improvements to include landscaping and irrigation, horse water troughs, picnic tables/benches, hitching rails, and bridle fencing. The Step 2 application seeks funding for all three phases, from design through construction.	\$90,000	\$520,831	\$0	Not recommended for funding due to a low evaluation score, especially for criteria such as habitat and water resources that could be increased significantly with a project designed to meet multiple objectives.	Strength: The project proposes improved access for low-impact recreation opportunities, such as installation of picnic tables. Weakness: The project would make improvements to an existing facility, but as designed has limited benefits for education, habitat, or improved water management.	6	0	0	7	0	2	7	0	1	2	1	2	2	1	6	37
Street-End Park, Compton	Compton, City of	Alina Bokde	River/ Tributary	Gateway	Grant proposal is for planning and design of converting 13 street ends that adjoin the Compton Creek into small pocket parks that would increase public access sites to the bike path and the equestrian trail as well as provide open space. At each location, possible elements include native landscaping, walkways, benches, fencing, and educational signage. All sites would incorporate Best Management Practices. Project locations were selected from the Regional Garden Park Master Plan.	\$150,000	\$41,250	\$0	Fund if deemed feasible. Staff proposes to work with applicants and other stakeholders to determine feasibility and prioritization of Compton Creek based on the Regional Garden Master Plan and return to the Board with a recommendation of funding for planning and design.	Strengths: Project includes both Urban and River target areas and creates new passive recreational areas. Would open up Compton Creek access to the bike and equestrian trail and would provide an educational component. Weaknesses: Small matching funds, project concept still needs further definition and partner partnership. Project would need additional outreach to the community to address design issues. Phase I funding needs: \$800,000	15	0	2	2	0	6	9	0	1	3	3	3	3	19	10	76
Summitridge Park Southern Trail Development Project	Diamond Bar, City of	Valorie Shatynski	Mountains, Hills, Foothills	SGVCOG	Starting at the Diamond Bar Center Trailhead the trail follows a rough hard pan trail into an undeveloped area. Traveling through open space hikers may view the rolling Chino Hills, the angels Crest and the country Estates. The up and down path will help the general public to maintain healthy lifestyles through low impact walking/hiking exercise. The project includes: trail clearing, developing a decomposed granite, four foot wide path with recycled product trex header, two rest stops with benches, trash receptacles, educational and interpretive signs, overlapping rock steps, landscape tie steps and native planting in areas barren from human use.	\$64,729	\$62,729	\$0	Not recommended for funding. Project scored in lower end of the curve. \$250,813 for project from Recreational Transit Program (RTP) Trail grant application not awarded this round. City is not able to commit at this time to fill the funding gap. Total project cost: \$355,782	Strengths: formalizes and adds some amenities to an informal trail within existing preserved open space owned by City. Matching funds: \$42,000 LA County Safe Parks Account. Weaknesses: Does not create new open space. Funding incomplete, Recreational Transit Program Trail grant not awarded this round. City is not able to commit at this time to fill the gap. No strong stakeholders noted. Opportunitites: future potential connections to regional trails. Threats: none, other than possible inappropriate uses such as motorcycles	7	0	5	14	0	3	6	0	1	1	1	2	3	0	0	43
Sycamore Canyon Trail Phase IV Development Project	Diamond Bar, City of	Tim Worley	Mountains, Hills, Foothills	SGVCOG	This project will restore and preserve threatened natural habitat to an area of 1.1 acres of open space that local residents have taken over for unauthorized uses such as a primitive soccer field and exercise course, residential landscaping, etc., resulting in the area's loss of natural growth. Obesity will be addressed with low impact pars course exercise stations, walking and hiking. The project adds landscape tie steps up a 375-foot hill leading to 1,375-foot upper trail - a total of 1,750 linear feet. The trail will be of decomposed granite with recycled product trex headers, and will also include benches, trash receptacles, and educational/interpretive signs.	\$80,255	\$76,230	\$76,230	Fund. This project supports increased park land in an Urban Target Area. Once completed, this project will connect the Creek to the Duck Farm and the San Gabriel River.	Strength: New park space in a dense urban area, water quality elements defined, connection to Duck Farm & S G River levee. Weakness: None Opportunity: Public Works and community collaboration, increase park space in dense urban area. Threat: None Match: LA County Flood Control District Funds.	11	0	3	9	10	5	13	0	1	0	0	2	3	10	13	80

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Treasure Island Renovation Project	Downey, City of	Jane Beesley	River/ Tributary	Gateway	Community organization, Unity, is working with the City to make improvements to this heavily used park. Grant funding will provide construction documents and improvements to the park. The project includes security lighting, walking trail, picnic areas, small play area, benches, turf renovation and replacement of irrigation system (reclaimed water). The 4 acre park is located along the Rio Hondo River Trail and the proposed improvements will create a safe walking trail through the park.	\$2,000,000	\$1,045,350	\$0	Not recommended for funding. The majority of funding is for infrastructure of the refurbishment of the existing park.	Strengths: Creating new trail adjacent to Rio Hondo Trail, replacing irrigation with a smart system and reclaimed water. Weakness: Most of the project is infrastructure, health and safety issues to be addressed in park. Opportunities: To decrease water useage in park. Threats: None Matching: City funding, Beverage Recycling funds	15	0	0	4	0	5	13	0	2	3	5	4	4	9	0	64
Una Lake Wetlands Acquisition & Restoration 2	Antelope Valley Conservancy	Alina Bokde	Mountains, Hills, Foothills	North Slope	Proposal submitted by the Antelope Valley Conservancy to acquire and establish for ongoing restoration, enhancement and preservation of an additional 500 acres of high quality habitat that extends along the San Andreas Rift Zone, uplands and spring-fed headwaters from southwest of Una Lake to Palmdale's Riparian Preserve and beyond to Barrel Springs. The potential acquisition will involved multiple funding partners and utilize various tools such as conservation easements. This project will preserve wildlife corridors linking the San Gabriel Mountains and the Tehachapi Mountains and thus provide an important connection with the Sierra Nevadas.	\$1,282,700	\$1,282,700	\$75,000	Fund. Opportunity to capture a pocket park and trailhead enhancement along the San Gabriel River. Excellent collaboration of City with private partner (Vulcan) and RMC.	Strength: New park, increased butterfly habitat, dense urban area Weakness: None Opportunity: Collaboration with private partner, Vulcan Materials, City & RMC, increase signage at bike path access Threats: City use of acreage for recycling yard Match: No funds, inkind from Vulcan. Future Funding Needs: None this would fully fund the proeject.	15	2	5	4	0	4	7	0	2	4	3	3	4	2	6	61
Vasquez Conservation, Education, Rec Center (Acquisition)	San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy	Valorie Shatynski	Mountains, Hills, Foothills	SGVCOG	One-of-a-kind Foothill multi-purpose center to be acquired and developed for outreach and education activities. Included will be: outdoor education (biology, geology, astronomy), plus conservation activities/training and recreation (suitable to all ages and multi-cultural)--and historic agriculture, plus Garcia Trail. \$4 million to go toward acquisition and \$500,000 to the Center (complex).	\$4,500,000	\$1,300,000	\$0	Fund if deemed feasible. Work with applicant to identify matching funds and determine feasibility of RMC elements in connection to the Emerald Necklace analysis and return to Board with recommendation.	Strengths - Park poor, matching funds for planning \$72,000 from School District, joint use providing new multi-use (active and passive) park space within existing school grounds. Weaknesses - Source of construction funding ~\$2 million not identified. Portions of non-RMC element Planning Phase 1 funding not in place. How will joint use park and school be secured after school hours, via a fence? Who provides security? Opportunities - Provides community with sense of place, opportunities for community involvement. Threats - Site Security not articulated.	8	0	4	0	0	8	9	0	1	2	2	1	1	15	2	53
Vermont Median Pilot Development and Assessment	Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council	Valorie Shatynski	Urban	Unicorporated/City of LA	Vermont Avenue extends 25 miles from Griffith Park to the Pacific Ocean through many historical sites, jurisdictions & neighborhoods. For 3.75 miles this corridor runs through RMC territory and has a 170 foot wide right-of-way. This project will feature a preliminary assessment of the opportunities and constraints along the right-of-way by an undergraduate Cal Poly Pomona planning class; design recommendations; engineering design; construction of a PILOT park along two blocks of the median (from 90th to 89th Street). Advocacy time for extra policy change associated with this project included.	\$285,000	\$275,618	\$0	Not recommended for funding. Recommend investigate alternative sources of funding. Further investigation required regarding safety and access issues on this very busy major street. see San Vincente Blvd in Brentwood as example.	Strengths - Serves a park poor area which needs passive recreation and urban respite, good water elements, innovative pilot program. Strong stakeholder support: Heal the Bay contributed \$10,000 to conceptual planning and will continue support as collaboration with Saint Michael's Church (estimated value \$20,000), Cal Poly Pomona provided study on corridor \$3,500, collaboration with City of Los Angeles in area. Weaknesses: Proposal provided limited youth elements, stakeholder and stewardship information, resulting in lower score. Some costs are ineligible i.e., office set-up, computers. Constraints due to use of media strip bordered on both sides by major urban roadway.Opportunitites: Phase 2 will include actual environmental compliance work, continued collaboration with stakeholders. Threats - Crime and Safety. Public safety - crossing and children at play	4	1	1	0	0	6	11	0	0	2	0	1	0	17	2	45

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Vincent Lugo Park-San Gabriel	San Gabriel, City of	Jane Beesley	River/ Tributary	SGVCOG	This project will preserve, revitalize and expand Vincent Lugo Park's open space and develop improved access to passive and active recreational opportunities. This park is adjacent to the Alhambra Wash. The proposal is a phased project with RMC funds requested for the next phase (2) which includes: the completion of the construction documents and the construction of the dry streambed, outdoor classroom, native plantings and interpretive signage. Applicant has Matching funding in place for the active recreation elements which will be constructed in the final phases.	\$525,409	\$525,409	\$525,409	Partially fund. Fund \$365,000 Phase 1 project feasibility, planning and land tenure negotiations/agreements, design and necessary permits. RMC Staff will assist city to identify funding for implementation as a result of this planning effort.	Strengths - Serves impacted area, Union Pacific supports concept in 25 feet of their right of way. Matching funds of \$100,000 from Proposition C committed by City. Weaknesses - Active rail line, Union Pacific land tenure is not established. Runs thru highly commercialized area. The timeline and budget for negotiations with railroad and for community outreach should be examined as they both seem optimistic. Opportunities - connection to LA River, potential federal recreation trail funding for project. Threats: Crime, blight.	8	0	2	0	0	12	9	0	1	2	2	1	4	19	1	61
Watts Gateway Phase II Development Project	Harbor/Watts Economic Development Corporation	Jane Beesley	River/ Tributary	Unicorporated/City of LA	The grant proposal is for the planning, CEQA, permits and Construction Documents for the Compton Creek enhancements along the intersection of Imperial Highway and Central Avenue. Enhancements include interfaces for a future connection to the Willowbrook portion of the Compton Creek Bike Trail, connections to the Welcome to Watts sign, and connections along the Compton Creek and Central Avenue.	\$1,800,000	\$325,000	\$0	Fund if grant can be matched by other sources and access can be legally secured. The project increases 120 acres of open space dedicated by Monrovia Nursery.	Strengths: Fair condition coastal sage habitat which connects to Open Space (200 acres), providing urban buffer. Weaknesses: Access could be problematic, cost for 40 acres appears high, no matching funds identified. Opportunities: increase 120 acre open space dedicated by Monrovia Nursery as mitigation for development, partnerships with US Forestry, Watershed Conservation Authority. Threats: Letter from Owner's representative states "delays in funding may cause seller to pursue development opportunities....," possibly mining of "high quality aggregate."	6	1	2	27	0	1	5	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	44
Watts Towers Watts Green Streets Development Project	Harbor/Watts Economic Development Corporation	Alina Bokde	Urban	Unicorporated/City of LA	Grant request submitted by the Harbor/Watts Economic Development Corporation for planning, design, and community outreach for enhancements within the Compton Creek Watershed from 103rd Street train station south to Watts Towers/Mingus Art Center and 108th/Grandee. Improvements include stormwater measures, access and enhancements at public park and public right-of-ways. Additionally, sustainable greening at Watts Tower and Mingus Art Center and along Metro Blue Line Corridor. Project will also include land use evaluation for willing-selling land acquisition for public open space, elimination of blight and dumping, habitat restoration within project area. Project will also implement recommendations from s "Realizing Change Compton Creek Watershed."	\$1,225,000	\$1,225,000	\$445,000	Fund. Approve Funding for first phase. Project has very strong trail and access elements, good interpretive features.	Strengths: Very strong trail and access elements, good interpretive features. Weaknesses: The city has relatively little matching funds, which it would reserve for construction. Opportunity: This would complete a gap in the trail along the west side of San Gabriel River through the City of Lakewood.	15	1	4	9	0	5	9	0	2	2	2	2	5	1	13	70
West San Gabriel River Parkway-Phase 3 Development	Lakewood, City of	Tim Worley	River/ Tributary	Gateway	The project will provide re-grading, establish riparian flora, native grasses and add a 2, 900-foot ADA trail along Lakewood's remaining 11 acres of undeveloped riverside lands between Del Amo Boulevard and Candlewood Street. Plans also include the installation of 525 feet in hardscape pathways through a major city community services facility (Mae Boyar Park) that will link the new greenbelt with the existing 19 acres of the West San Gabriel River Parkway Nature Trail. The addition of this new trail development will create a mile and one-half of continuous greenbelt bordering Lakewood's western side of the river. The Step 2 application requests funds for preconstruction costs only.	\$1,824,267	\$106,638	\$106,638	Fund. \$766,584 is recommended for Phase 1 of the work plan. Applicant is encouraged to further strengthen the coalition with new partners, and identify other possible funding sources.	Strengths: This project is a viable pilot prjct to enhance impacted areas elsewhere in the National Forest headwaters, and would result in significant improvements in water quality, river habitat, and Forest visitors' recreational experience. It includes strong river stewardship components, and involves a good coalition for implementation, including a partnership with local schools for student employment. Weakness: As a study in the National Forest, the project has limited ability to improve trails, urban parks, or similar criteria. Future Funding Needs: Implementation and construction, \$1.85 million; Monitoring and evaluation, \$100,000	7	0	4	27	0	4	7	0	1	3	4	3	0	0	5	65
White Avenue Park-Pomona	Pomona, City of	Tim Worley	Urban	SGVCOG	The City of Pomona proposes the acquisition and development of a new 4.3 acre urban park, to include fitness trail, picnic/rest areas, and other amenities.	\$6,900,000	\$6,900,000	\$0	Not recommended for funding due to the high cost and lack of matching funds. Encourage applicant to carry out pre-acquisition tasks such as zoning and general plan amendment and appraisal to strengthen a future grant application. Explore potential of matching funds from Prop A and the City.	Strength: This blighted property is located in park-poor urban target area, meeting a high need. Weakness: An appraisal is needed to verify sale price. Also, this project needs zoning and General Plan change, then CEQA analysis. In addition, no matching funds were identified in the application.	8	0	3	2	0	10	13	0	1	2	1	4	0	15	2	61

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Sorted by Project Name

Project Name	Applicant	Team Leader	Program Area	COG Area	Current Description	Step 1 Application Amount	Step 2 Application Amount	Recommended Funding Amount	Recommendation	SWOT	Access Value	Cultural / Historical Value	Educational Value	Habitat Value	Matching Funds Value	Public Health Value	Recreational Value	Restoration Value	Scenic Resource Value	Stakeholders / Partners Value	Stewardship Value	Sustainability Value	Trails Value	Urban Land Value	Water Resource Value	Total Points
Whittier Narrows Bicycle/Ped Path Dev.	Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, County of	Valorie Shatynski	Urban	SGVCOG	Project proposal includes the development of a 3 mile bike/walking path with exercise equipment, warm-up stations, stretching apparatus, education signage along with bioswales and native plantings. Proposal also emphasizes a special emphasis on a Pedestrian/Bicycle Traffic Signal across Durfee. It is unclear if the 3 mile path is new or simply enhanced. No phasing proposed for this proposal which is very large in scope and cost	\$7,740,000	\$8,469,000	\$0	Not recommended for funding. No new access, urban value low, overall low score.	Strengths – additional recreational opportunities, proposes signalized bike/pedestrian crossing at Durfee. Weaknesses -Budget request in Step 2 – budget unclear, no RMC request or matching funds shown. Narrative states \$500,000 match from Supervisor District 1, \$8,469,000 total project very expensive. Support letter only from Friends of Whittier Narrows Natural Area. Project includes use of "Non-native adaptive plants if/when appropriate", which are ineligible for RMC funding. Timeline; preconstruction phase through July 2010. Opportunities - Improvements to existing park, should seek regional trail and other types of funding. It is not apparent that this scope of work has been coordinated with other planning efforts underway in the Whittier Narrows area, i.e., Master Plan, San Gabriel River Discovery Center. Threats - this is LA County's most highly visited park. Continued master planning for renewal and improvements are critical.	3	1	5	0	0	10	9	0	1	2	2	0	3	6	0	42
Whittier Narrows Equestrian Facility Development	Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, County of	Tim Worley	River/ Tributary	Gateway	The project objective is to establish the Whittier Narrows Equestrian Facility as a model for the best management practices for storm water runoff and containment of waste impacting the adjacent watershed. The project would remedy flooding and drainage problems by corrective grading, averting off-site drainage from existing facilities and containing on-site drainage. The project scope includes, widening the entry and installing gates; signage landscaping; replacement of infrastructure for water, electrical and sewer; a new restroom; storage building, new exterior lighting. The project will serve as an example for sustainable practices and mitigate the current impacts to the San Gabriel River. The Step 2 application was phased, with funding requested for pre-construction work including design, permitting and CEQA compliance, and construction documents.	\$2,112,000	\$1,137,480	\$0	Fund if deemed feasible. Staff proposes to work with applicants and other stakeholders to determine feasibility and prioritization of Compton Creek based on the Regional Garden Master Plan and return to the Board with a recommendation of funding for planning and design.	Strengths: Project is in the Urban Target Area and directly connects the community to Compton Creek, community engagement. Weaknesses; Opportunities: Engage Watts community in creating a string of green spaces that connect current open space with Compton Creek. Applicant is and will continue to seek additional funding for construction. Threats; Matching Funds: None.	11	2	2	6	0	10	13	1	2	1	1	4	5	21	11	90
Wildwood Canyon Preserve Acquisition Project	San Dimas, City of / Glendora, City of	Valorie Shatynski	Mountains, Hills, Foothills	SGVCOG	The project is located in both San Dimas & Glendora. It consists of 17 parcels totaling approximately 510 acres undeveloped hillside open space. The acquisition is for the purpose of preservation of the natural habitat, low-impact recreation such as hiking and equestrian trails. Portions of the north and northeast sides of the site adjoin the Angeles National Forest. The project site includes 7 canyons and associated ridges. Wildlife currently travels north, east, and south through the canyons and ridges. The site includes essential habitat linkages, five permanent water sources, water recharge, critical open space, vital habitat for sensitive and endangered species, and a critical corridor buffer between the urban edge and the Angeles National Forest.	\$25,000,000	\$25,000,000	\$0	Fund if deemed feasible. Work with applicant to identify matching funds and determine feasibility of RMC elements in connection to the Emerald Necklace analysis and return to Board with recommendation.	Strengths - Park poor, matching funds for planning \$52,500 from School District and two other sources, joint use providing new multi-use (active and passive) park space within existing school grounds. Weaknesses - Source of construction funding ~\$985,000 not identified. How will joint use park and school be secured after school hours, via a fence? Who provides security? Opportunities - Provides community with sense of place, opportunities for community involvement. Threats - Site Security not articulated.	8	0	4	0	0	8	9	0	1	2	2	1	1	15	2	53
Zacatecas Park Playground Development	Azusa, City of	Valorie Shatynski	Urban	SGVCOG	The Playground Development and Low Impact Recreation Project at Zacatecas Park will ... augment existing recreation amenities on site... The proposed GeoSculpt™ play unit will provide a unique opportunity for children ages 5-12...The Play Ball feature would be the first of its kind in California	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0	Ineligible. Playground application only	Not eligible for funding, playground application only																

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COG Area	Applicant	Project Name	Current Description	Recommended Funding Amount	Recommendation
Gateway	Central Basin Municipal Water District	Hollydale Garden Development Project	This project is to enhance water education for students and the public by providing a hands on demonstration garden that features drought resistant plants and water efficient irrigation. Located near the Los Angeles River at Hollydale Park in South Gate, this garden will be designed in conjunction with curriculum from the Hollydale Elementary School. Although fenced in for student safety, it will be visible and easily enjoyed by the community, with informational signage. Public tours will be offered through the school. The City of South Gate is an "impacted city" and the project will enhance urban land, as defined under the Green urban Space designation.	\$0	Fund. \$300,000 Phase 1 Planning and documentation for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
Gateway	Compton, City of	Cocoa St. Park Development-Compton	Funding request is for the planning and design of a City owned cul-de-sac which would involve the removal of existing street pavement to create new park space in a highly urbanized area adjacent to Compton Creek. In place of the street pavement the City of Compton proposes to install a permeable walkway surface, landscaping with native plants, directional and interpretive signage, security lighting and bench seating.	\$0	Not recommended for funding due a low evaluation score.
Gateway	Compton, City of	Native Habitat Restoration, Trail Improvements, Compton	The project is for the first phase of the project that will complete the planning, design and CEQA for the trail which will then restore native habitat along the existing multipurpose trail adjacent to Compton Creek. Along the more than half mile trail, native riparian landscaping will be planted, educational signage and recreational amenities will be installed, and the existing chain link fencing will be replaced with a decorative fence. Access points at Compton and Alondra Boulevards will be made wheelchair accessible. Stormwater runoff will be collected, treated with Best management Practices (BMPs), and recycled in a graywater irrigation system.	\$0	Fund. Project has a high habitat value, is the last of the acreage needed to complete the Monrovia Hillside Preserve. Previous acquisitions for the Preserve has had approximately \$10 million in matching funds.
Gateway	Compton, City of	Street-End Park, Compton	Grant proposal is for planning and design of converting 13 street ends that adjoin the Compton Creek into small pocket parks that would increase public access sites to the bike path and the equestrian trail as well as provide open space. At each location, possible elements include native landscaping, walkways, benches, fencing, and educational signage. All sites would incorporate Best Management Practices. Project locations were selected from the Regional Garden Park Master Plan.	\$0	Not recommended for funding due to low evaluation score.
Gateway	Downey, City of	Treasure Island Renovation Project	Community organization, Unity, is working with the City to make improvements to this heavily used park. Grant funding will provide construction documents and improvements to the park. The project includes security lighting, walking trail, picnic areas, small play area, benches, turf renovation and replacement of irrigation system (reclaimed water). The 4 acre park is located along the Rio Hondo River Trail and the proposed improvements will create a safe walking trail through the park.	\$0	Not recommended for funding. Project scored in lower end of the curve.
Gateway	Huntington Park, City of	Huntington Park Trail and Open Space Development	Huntington Park Trail and Open Space Development Project has been phased to request funding for the first phase. Phase 1 is: Planning, Design, CEQA and Permits. Planning, design development and rehabilitation of the 5.8 acres of open space and 1.63 trail miles at Salt Lake Park and adjacent DWP transmission corridor. Salt Lake park trail development to include more than 6000 feet of trail space. Rehabilitation will include complete replacement of irrigation systems to improve water conservation and hydrate native landscaping to be installed around the trail. Project also includes installation of lighting to illuminate trail for evening use, and installation of trail signage and fitness zones. DWP portion to include the lease and development of 10 parcels of land into trail and open space.	\$585,000	Fund if grant can be matched by other sources. The project's habitat value is high, and is identified in Missing Linkages.
Gateway	Huntington Park, City of	Huntington Park Water Reservoir	Assessment of feasibility & planning for converting one or more of five existing water reservoir sites to an underground facility with the intention of utilizing the remaining surface area for compatible open space park uses. Water reservoirs range in size from 0.26 - 2.1 acres. Phase 2 to include design, permit, management and construction costs associated with converting one or more of the reservoirs. Phase 3 to include development for open space recreation area. Phase 1: \$555,000 (site #12 only = \$60,000), Conversion estimated \$2.5 million.	\$0	Fund. This project supports increased park land in an Urban Target Area. Once completed, this project will connect the Creek to the Duck Farm and the San Gabriel River.
Gateway	Lakewood, City of	West San Gabriel River Parkway-Phase 3 Development	The project will provide re-grading, establish riparian flora, native grasses and add a 2, 900-foot ADA trail along Lakewood's remaining 11 acres of undeveloped riverside lands between Del Amo Boulevard and Candlewood Street. Plans also include the installation of 525 feet in hardscape pathways through a major city community services facility (Mae Boyar Park) that will link the new greenbelt with the existing 19 acres of the West San Gabriel River Parkway Nature Trail. The addition of this new trail development will create a mile and one-half of continuous greenbelt bordering Lakewood's western side of the river. The Step 2 application requests funds for preconstruction costs only.	\$106,638	Not recommended for funding. Costs for project are high. Seek matching funds in future grant rounds.

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COG Area	Applicant	Project Name	Current Description	Recommended Funding Amount	Recommendation
Gateway	Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine, City of	El Dorado Regional Park Water Conservation and Water Quality Improvements	This project is to convert the 6 lakes in El Dorado Regional Park and Nature Center from potable well water to excess reclaimed water. This would be done by installing nano-filtration plants at the northern-most lake in the Park and in the maintenance yard adjacent to the Nature Ctr. The nano-filtration will provide clean water to the lakes, and allow the lakes to overflow into the connecting streambeds, thereby providing increased circulation and cleansing of the lakes from the accumulation of pollutants that now occurs with the minimal overflow that now occurs. The estimated potable water savings would be 190 acre-feet per year.	\$0	Fund. Opportunity to capture a pocket park and trailhead enhancement along the San Gabriel River. Excellent collaboration of City with private partner (Vulcan) and RMC.
Gateway	Long Beach, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine, City of	De Forest Park Wetland Restoration Project	The DeForest Park Wetlands Restoration Project will restore 26-acres of historic wetlands, scrub and woodland habitat, provide water quality improvement, passive recreational amenities and interpretive enhancement while retaining flood control properties to create a river parkway along the lower Los Angeles River. This grant proposal is for the first Phase of implementation of the overall project. The project also includes improving the existing degraded pedestrian trail with enhanced trails, overlooks and educational displays. Project elements include improved spillways for storm drain outlets, regarded slope to restore stream flow and trails, installation of trash collection devices, removal of exotic plants, replanting of native plants, redirection of Market Street storm drain to wetland instead of pump forebay, and preparation and installation of educational and directive signage.	\$1,000,000	Fund if grant is matched from other sources. Recommend further analysis for possible matching funds. Although application incomplete, project met urgency criteria for evaluation as a Tier 2 project.
Gateway	Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, County of	Whittier Narrows Equestrian Facility Development	The project objective is to establish the Whittier Narrows Equestrian Facility as a model for the best management practices for storm water runoff and containment of waste impacting the adjacent watershed. The project would remedy flooding and drainage problems by corrective grading, averting off-site drainage from existing facilities and containing on-site drainage. The project scope includes, widening the entry and installing gates; signage landscaping; replacement of infrastructure for water, electrical and sewer; a new restroom; storage building, new exterior lighting. The project will serve as an example for sustainable practices and mitigate the current impacts to the San Gabriel River. The Step 2 application was phased, with funding requested for pre-construction work including design, permitting and CEQA compliance, and construction documents.	\$0	Not recommended for funding. Staff will work with applicant to further evaluate and analyze potential funding of project elements once issues related to access and security have been addressed.
Gateway	Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority	LCWA Bixby/Dean Acquisition	After being owned by the Bixby Land Company since the 1800's, this 185 acre property was recently sold to a local private land owner, Thomas Dean. This project would be to negotiate with the new owner to acquire the surface rights to this precious property. It contains over 45 acres of pristine tidal salt marsh habitat, as well as several acres of brackish marsh mixed with an abundance of degraded salt marsh in need of rehabilitation. Currently Breitburn Energy leases the land for oil operations. The Step 2 application is phased, with the requested funds only covering preacquisition work.	\$0	Partially fund. Recommend funding for site access and security development. Funding should include consulting with a traffic engineer to determine safe egress and ingress options. Concept plan should also include feasibility and funding for a pedestrian bridge as well as securing easements for access in property.
Gateway	Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority	LCWA Wetlands Restoration & Recreation Access-Bryant	In June of 2006 the LCWA purchased 66 acres of Los Cerritos Wetlands from Bryants. However, the Bryants retained the portions of the property that are adjacent to the nearest road. Purchasing the frontage property is integral to developing a comprehensive restoration plan for the area and would allow the design of public trails that will connect the communities of Southeast Long Beach to Seal Beach. The Bryant Phase 2 Acquisition is composed of a 12 acre parcel just west of the San Gabriel River and another nearly 5 acres just east of the river. The Step 2 application took a phased approach, with requested funds to be applied to planning and design for wetland restoration and stewardship planning, including hydrologic studies.	\$225,000	Not recommended for funding due to the emphasis on a new building in an existing park. Other elements that are better aligned with RMC funding criteria - e.g., habitat enhancement and improvements to naturalize the wash - might be repackaged in a future application.
Gateway	Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority	LCWA Wetlands Restoration & Recreation Access-Hellman	The LCWA is currently engaged in negotiations to purchase 100 acres of wetlands from the Hellmans. Once this purchase is completed, LCWA will initiate the restoration of the salt marsh and upland habitat. A large part of this project will involve a costly hydrological engineering aspect intended to improve the tidal flushing on the site and the other sites under the LCWA's control or ownership. This land has been privately owned for over a century and LCWA wants to improve the recreational access by linking it with other neighboring parks and communities of Seal beach.Phase One is acquisition of the Hellman Property, with this project as Phase 2 the Analysis, Restoration plan and Recreational Access Plan and Design.	\$225,000	Withdrawn. Self deferred to next grant round

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COG Area	Applicant	Project Name	Current Description	Recommended Funding Amount	Recommendation
Gateway	Lynwood, City of	City of Lynwood Pocket Parks	Phase 1 of project will create four (4) new open spaces within walking, biking distance of each other. All sites are within 50' of residential areas with access to Metro & bus lines. Directional site signage and brochure/map in English & Spanish to be available in print and via internet. All sites are within 15 minute or less walking distance to existing parks. Partners include Lynwood Unified School District and CalTrans. An artist will create educational and interpretive signage in English & Spanish to include elements on natural, cultural history and watershed stewardship. Site elements include walkways, signage, benches, landscaping. CalTrans has offered use of adjacent land for sustainable native plant landscaping to integrate with mature Redwood and other trees.	\$520,000	Not recommended for funding. Investigate other funding sources and continue coordination and planning with RMC
Gateway	Maywood, city of	Maywood Riverfront Park Project-Phase 2	The project is the second phase of Maywood Riverfront Park. This project is the final implementation of Maywood Riverfront Park this phase includes open space consisting of native & ornamental landscaping, picnic areas, river viewpoints, bike/pedestrian trails and bilingual interpretation that will comprehensively serve for passive recreational activities, promote public health, and link the community to the Los Angeles River Greenway Project.	\$125,000	Partially fund. Fund \$520,000 to develop four of the eight pocket parks as Phase 1 (Sites 2, 3, 5 and 8), based upon community need determined by the City. These four sites are City-owned. Federal match \$147,000. RMC Staff will assist City to identify funding for implementation of the remaining sites.
Gateway	Signal Hill, City of	Cha'wot Nature Preserve Acquisition and Planning	Self deferred to next grant round	\$0	Not recommended for funding. Investigate other funding sources and strengthen trail connections vs. use of City streets
Gateway	South Gate, City of	Multi-purpose Trail /Landscape Development Project	Phase 1 planning: \$365,000 includes design/survey/permits. The project will beautify, enhance access and provide low impact recreation opportunities by improving the southern 25 feet of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) right of way between Santa Fe Avenue and the Los Angeles River Trail system. The improvements consist of a multi-purpose trail, in addition to eliminating the visual blight of the UPRR right of way. The City of South Gate is an "impacted city" and the project will enhance urban land, as defined under the Urban Green Space designation.	\$365,000	Fund if deemed feasible. Staff proposes to work with applicants and other stakeholders to determine feasibility and prioritization of Compton Creek based on the Regional Garden Master Plan and return to the Board with a recommendation of funding for planning and design.
Gateway	Trust for Public Land	Maywood Avenue Park/ Development	This project will entail the development of a new pocket park on a vacant lot owned by City. The park will be located on one of Maywood's most dense streets filled with a mix of overcrowded apartments, mixed use commercial and industrial businesses. The site is located on the western boundary of the City where park services are far and few between. In a community where residents are plagued with chronic health conditions such as obesity and high blood pressure. The park will provide a place for exercise, relation, and community development.	\$0	Not recommended for funding. Staff will work with applicant to further evaluate and analyze potential funding of project elements.
Gateway	Whittier, City of	Greenway Trail Anti-Graffiti Measures	The existing Greenway Trail, a Rails to Trails has been developed as a pedestrian path and bikeway which includes educational/interpretive stations throughout the trail. The grant proposes to enhance this existing trail, which will include anti-graffiti landscaping to enhance the bikeway and public use of the trail where needed, trellis will be installed to support the landscaping thus eliminating the graffiti. The proposed improvements will enhance children's safety on this bikeway. Additionally, an irrigation system will be based on evapo-transpiration rates and will capable of multiple irrigation cycles with programmable soak in times and match precipitation rate sprinkler heads.	\$0	Partially fund. Recommend funding for planning and design (including CEQA) on two sites located in Buena Park and La Habra. Even though this project scored below the overall cut off point, funding is recommended to address the lack of projects in the Orange County region.
Multiple COG	Los Angeles and San Gabriel rivers Watershed Council	LA and SG Rivers Habitat Restoration Program	This grant request by the Los Angeles & San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council will: (1) establish a local, documented source of native seeds (propagates) to increase genetically-appropriate plants for restoration/revitalization projects in the watersheds; (2) establish a program for collecting and distributing the propagates; and (3) increase collaboration among resource agencies, NonGovernmental Organizations, and growers through a series of meetings, trainings, and a user-friendly database of projects. The Watershed Council will manage the project, maintain the project database, and monitor seed collection sites. Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden will verify documented collections, collect specified seeds, and manage seed databases. Projected to be a three-year program, we showing a one-year budget for seed money.	\$0	Ineligible. Grant criteria specify a limit on planning portion of projects, for eligibility.

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COG Area	Applicant	Project Name	Current Description	Recommended Funding Amount	Recommendation
North Slope	Antelope Valley Conservancy	Una Lake Wetlands Acquisition & Restoration 2	Proposal submitted by the Antelope Valley Conservancy to acquire and establish for ongoing restoration, enhancement and preservation of an additional 500 acres of high quality habitat that extends along the San Andreas Rift Zone, uplands and spring-fed headwaters from southwest of Una Lake to Palmdale's Riparian Preserve and beyond to Barrel Springs. The potential acquisition will involve multiple funding partners and utilize various tools such as conservation easements. This project will preserve wildlife corridors linking the San Gabriel Mountains and the Tehachapi Mountains and thus provide an important connection with the Sierra Nevadas.	\$75,000	Partially fund. Funding will go towards the construction elements of the project which can include grading and other elements of the first Phase of development. Work with the City to commit Prop A funds for future phases of the project.
North Slope	Nature Conservancy, The	Arrastre Canyon Acquisition	This project is for the acquisition of 326 acres, that is approx 1.7 miles of Arrastre Canyon near Soledad Canyon. Arrastre Creek is a tributary to the Santa Clara River. The property is the entire canyon and the creek from the river up to the Angeles National Forest. This property was identified as a tier one conservation property in the SCR Upper Watershed Conservation Plan. It is identified in the South Coast wildlife corridors under the South Coast Missing Linkage Project.	\$657,000	Not recommended for funding. Applicant should investigate funding potential from other State grant programs (e.g. River Parkways), and from CalTrans for needed accessibility improvements to the site.
Orange County	California Resource Connections, inc.	Coyote Creek Bikeway Entry Development Project	Grant proposal is for the design and planning to provide enhancements along the Coyote Creek Bikeway to help develop a regional identity. CRC proposes to design and construct four prominent entry points, two at the North Fork of Coyote Creek and Artesia Boulevard and two at Coyote Creek and Marquardt Ave in Cerritos. Project elements include whimsical and custom-designed gates and fences, interpretive signage and appropriated native plants. A design competition among schools in the watershed will be utilized to identify design themes for each gate. A palette of plants and a hardscape materials will be developed to create the signature look for not only these three sites but for subsequent trail-side installations.	\$100,000	Not recommended for funding. Applicant should further develop trail locations and secure land tenure and improve application elements to be more consistent with RMC's policies.
Orange County	California Resource Connections, inc.	Coyote Creek Watershed Plan Implementation	The Coyote Creek Watershed Management Plan contains many project recommendations that will not be undertaken by Orange County due to other competing priorities. This proposed Implementation Program would build capacity for cities in the watershed to identify and develop watershed projects, and a prioritized list of multiple-objective park and open space projects ready for implementation in one pilot city.	\$0	Not recommended for funding. The project is too narrowly focused on a single benefit, converting a water source from potable to recycled water, resulting in a low evaluation score. Consider funding through IRWMP, Department of Water Resources grant programs, or Metropolitan Water District Conservation and Local Resource Programs.
SGVCOG	Amigos de los Rios Los Angeles County Department of Parks & Recreation	Emerald Necklace Segment C2: Quarry/San Gabriel River to Ramona Blvd.	The first phase of the Emerald Necklace Segment C2 project is for Survey, Outreach, Design and permits. The Emerald Necklace Segment C is a distance of 1.4 miles from Hanson Aggregates to Ramona Boulevard, with an enhanced access at Lower Azusa Ave and the San Gabriel River.	\$50,000	Partially fund. Award a feasibility grant in the amount of \$200,000 (\$50,000 for each of the highest scoring Emerald Necklace (EN) project applications) to further evaluate both the feasibility and prioritization of EN project segments based on the following criteria: 1) completion of previously funded segments; 2) analysis of matching fund opportunities; 3) feasibility prioritization based on land tenure, permitting and CEQA requirements for each segment and 4) prioritization of project elements based on a 12-36 month timeline for project completion.
SGVCOG	Amigos de los Rios Los Angeles County Department of Parks & Recreation	Emerald Necklace-Segment A2 ACE-Garvey Avenue to Eaton Wash	Grant proposal is for the planning and design of an existing trail along the west side of the Rio Hondo as a segment to the Emerald Necklace. The trail crosses the cities of Rosemead, Montebello, El Monte and South El Monte. The proposed project includes enhancing the trail to provide amenities to the user, interpretive signage, and native landscaping.	\$50,000	Partially fund. Award a feasibility grant in the amount of \$200,000 (\$50,000 for each of the highest scoring Emerald Necklace (EN) project applications) to further evaluate both the feasibility and prioritization of EN project segments based on the following criteria: 1) completion of previously funded segments; 2) analysis of matching fund opportunities; 3) feasibility prioritization based on land tenure, permitting and CEQA requirements for each segment and 4) prioritization of project elements based on a 12-36 month timeline for project completion.

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SGVCOG	Amigos de los Rios Los Angeles County Department of Parks & Recreation	Emerald Necklace Segment B2: From Valley to Peck Park South	This Emerald Necklace multi-benefit projects involves enhancing an existing county trail not currently open to the public with native landscaping, interpretive signage, and trail amenities to include benches, water fountain, and new decorative gates. The segment runs for 3 miles along the West Bank of the Rio Hondo through the LA County Flood Control right-of-way, connects and passes through the Rio Vista Park in El Monte. We propose to enhance connections between Valley Boulevard and Rio Vista Park, and between Rio Vista Park and the south entrance to Peck Park. We propose to improve the intersection where Lower Azusa, a major arterial, crosses the Rio Hondo. Project design would incorporate, where appropriate, vegetated swales to percolate water into the ground rather than loading the channel. The project remains the same, but would be phased. The Step 2 application requests funding for survey, outreach, design, and permitting.	\$50,000	Partially fund. Award a feasibility grant in the amount of \$200,000 (\$50,000 for each of the highest scoring Emerald Necklace (EN) project applications) to further evaluate both the feasibility and prioritization of EN project segments based on the following criteria: 1) completion of previously funded segments; 2) analysis of matching fund opportunities; 3) feasibility prioritization based on land tenure, permitting and CEQA requirements for each segment and 4) prioritization of project elements based on a 12-36 month timeline for project alignment.
SGVCOG	Amigos de los Rios Los Angeles County Department of Parks & Recreation	Emerald Necklace Segment E: Ramona Boulevard to the Whittier Narrows at Peck Road	This funding request is for the initial phasing for the project, planning, design, outreach and CEQA. This Emerald Necklace Segment E is a multi benefit project that involves enhancing existing signage and trail amenities to include benches, water fountain & new decorative gates as appropriate. This segment runs 3.9 miles along the west bank of the San Gabriel River from Ramona to Peck Blvd.	\$50,000	Partially fund. Award a feasibility grant in the amount of \$200,000 (\$50,000 for each of the highest scoring Emerald Necklace (EN) project applications) to further evaluate both the feasibility and prioritization of EN project segments based on the following criteria: 1) completion of previously funded segments; 2) analysis of matching fund opportunities; 3) feasibility prioritization based on land tenure, permitting and CEQA requirements for each segment and 4) prioritization of project elements based on a 12-36 month timeline for project completion.
SGVCOG	Azusa, City of	Azusa-Geology Park Development	The City of Azusa will develop a city owned .5 acre parcel that sits between a San Gabriel River bike trail trailhead and the SG River Regional bike trail, into a geology interpretive park. The Vulcan Mining Company rock Conveyor, used to transport material mined in Fish Canyon to Releace Quarry at Vulcan Mining Company rock conveyor at Irwindale Avenue, is overhead and adjacent to this site. Immediate vistas include surface mining on the foothills to the north.	\$279,000	Not recommended for funding. Applicant should further develop trail alignment and conservation elements.
SGVCOG	Azusa, City of	Northside Park Playground Development	The Playground Development and Low Impact Recreation Project at Northside Park will augment existing recreation amenities on site. The proposed GeoSculpt™ play unit will provide a unique opportunity for children ages 10 and up. GeoSculpt Standards™ combine minimum play value with realistic hand sculpted climbing. More than just rocks, GeoSculpt™ Standards are interactive sculptures that feature both natural and artistic elements. The Yosemite Boulder would be one of only a few in the State of California.	\$0	Not recommended for funding. Application primarily emphasized mitigation measures on existing trails.
SGVCOG	Azusa, City of	Zacatecas Park Playground Development	The Playground Development and Low Impact Recreation Project at Zacatecas Park will augment existing recreation amenities on site. The proposed GeoSculpt™ play unit will provide a unique opportunity for children ages 5-12. The Play Ball feature would be the first of its kind in California.	\$0	Not recommended for funding. The project only utilizes drought tolerant plants. Access limited.
SGVCOG	California Resource Connections, inc.	Canyon Institute Outdoor Classroom Project	The grant proposal is for the planning and design of a regional low impact development demonstration and watershed education center. CRC proposes to bring up to code the existing structures and surrounding landscape to provide an outdoor classroom and meeting space for holding educational programs for San Gabriel Valley students and the general public. Project components include restoration and conversion of an existing garage to a classroom setting with adjacent program office space. Surrounding landscape design will provide for educational programs as well as serve as a demonstration of regionally appropriate design using native and compatible low water plant species, historic and edible landscapes, rainwater capture, efficient irrigation systems and use of sustainable materials and techniques where possible.	\$0	Fund. This project is located in an urban target area and will result in a new trail connection, a trail between the two existing parks along with the refurbishment of the irrigation system to conserve water.

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SGVCOG	California Resource Connections, inc.	Canyon Institute Site Access and Security Project	Funding proposal is for the planning and design of the Canyon Institute that includes a regional low impact development demonstration and watershed education center. To accommodate future users and minimize related impacts, CRC proposes to design and build new site access, parking and security improvements using sustainable design materials and management practices. Project components include a new driveway, on-site parking, ADA access to classrooms and offices, interpretive security gates and fencing, and landscape improvements. Design elements will include permeable surfaces, strategic drainage design native and compatible low water plant species and recycled material were possible. Parking areas and travelways will accommodate multiple purposes including community or regional special events.	\$150,000	Not recommended for funding. Recommend investigation of other funding sources for feasibility study and development
SGVCOG	California Resource Connections	Community Access Developments for Azusa River Park	The grant proposal is for the planning and design of the Community Access Developments for the Azusa River Wilderness Park. These include design elements conceptualized in the Azusa River Master Plan that offer both education and low-impact recreational opportunities that facilitate community use of the park. Areas in need of development are the common areas at El Encanto/WCA and RMC headquarters (i.e. back patio and meeting room); and those areas at Taylor Property that lend themselves to this type of use (exterior public spaces). Physical improvements may include benches, chairs, tables, lighting, and refurbishment of the grounds (i.e. refurbishment of the drainage system for the hill behind the back patio at El Encanto) and interpretive signage (way finding, regulatory, and site interpretation).	\$0	Fund if deemed feasible. Work with applicant to identify matching funds and determine feasibility of RMC elements in connection to the Emerald Necklace analysis and return to Board with recommendation.
SGVCOG	Covina Parks & Recreation Department, City of	Charter Oak Wash Restoration and Interpretive center	This project consists of restoration of native riparian habitat, erosion mitigation, removal of non-native vegetation and old drainage pipes at Charter Oak Wash in Kahler Russell Park and the construction of a nature/water history interpretive center. The application is now phased, but seeks funding for both phases concurrently. Design and permitting of wash restoration has 100% matching funds from the city, and the LEED designed Interpretive Center has even higher proportionate matching funds. The grant request would use 100% RMC funds for renovation of the wash: removal of contaminants, protection of bridge and park building; replacement of non-native with native plants, and improvement of channel hydraulics.	\$0	Fund if deemed feasible. Work with applicant to identify matching funds and determine feasibility of RMC elements in connection to the Emerald Necklace analysis and return to Board with recommendation.
SGVCOG	Diamond Bar, City of	Summitridge Park Southern Trail Development Project	Starting at the Diamond Bar Center Trailhead the trail follows a rough hard pan trail into an undeveloped area. Traveling through open space hikers may view the rolling Chino Hills, the angels Crest and the country Estates. The up and down path will help the general public to maintain healthy lifestyles through low impact walking/hiking exercise. The project includes: trail clearing, developing a decomposed granite, four foot wide path with recycled product trex header, two rest stops with benches, trash receptacles, educational and interpretive signs, overlapping rock steps, landscape tie steps and native planting in areas barren from human use.	\$0	Ineligible. Project does not fit criteria, however project is needed to fulfill requirements of grants within the territory. Team recommends RMC staff further partner to establish nursery program.
SGVCOG	Diamond Bar, City of	Sycamore Canyon Trail Phase IV Development Project	This project will restore and preserve threatened natural habitat to an area of 1.1 acres of open space that local residents have taken over for unauthorized uses such as a primitive soccer field and exercise course, residential landscaping, etc., resulting in the area's loss of natural growth. Obesity will be addressed with low impact pars course exercise stations, walking and hiking. The project adds landscape tie steps up a 375-foot hill leading to 1,375-foot upper trail - a total of 1,750 linear feet. The trail will be of decomposed granite with recycled product trex headers, and will also include benches, trash receptacles, and educational/interpretive signs.	\$76,230	Fund if grant can be matched by other sources. Approximately half of this acreage is an informal debris basin and could qualify for funding by Department of Water Resources through the IRWMP.
SGVCOG	Duarte, City of	Santa Fe Basin Gateway Nature Trail	The City of Duarte has received a grant from MTA to develop, in collaboration with the LA county Public works, a class A bicycle path through the Santa Fe Dam lower spreading basin area. This trail will greatly benefit Duarte residents by providing direct access from the City of Hope area in Duarte to the San Gabriel River Bikeway. The RMC grant will provide native plant landscaping, interpretive signage, a nature loop, and other amenities to enhance casual visitor use of the area of the Santa Fe Basin and provide users with important environmental information.	\$50,000	Ineligible - work may be submitted for a subcontract of the Duck Farm Phase 1B Watershed Conservation Authority grant request 2009/10 cycle
SGVCOG	Duarte, City of	Encanto-Fish Canyon Trail Project	Grant proposal by the City is for the planning and design to extend the Encanto Nature Walk Trail north along the west bank of the San Gabriel River to provide trail access from Encanto Park and the San Gabriel River Bikeway to the trail developed by the City of Duarte to Fish Canyon Falls. Access will also be provided to the Van Tassel Motorway, designated as a County hiking trail. Non-native landscaping along Encanto Parkway will be remove and replaced by native plants. Interpretive and directional signs will be provided to supply trail users with information regarding the area's natural history and information on trail destinations.	\$0	Not recommended for funding. No matching funds were identified, and the project lacked elements of educational, water resource, or restoration that might be expected in such a location.

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SGVCOG	El Monte City School District/ Amigos de Los Rios	Joint Use Nature Trail Columbia School- El Monte City School District	Columbia School is a five acre facility of the El Monte City School District located in a park deficient area of the City. District wishes to optimize use of existing school yard by opening it up to the community after school hours and on weekends. The multi-benefit project includes a sports field outfitted with state of the art water conserving irrigation system surrounded by a nature trail/fitness loop. Funding is requested to include an educational kiosk, interpretive signage, water fountains & benches. Application for planning phase only.	\$0	Partially fund. Recommend combining scope of studies for both Hellman (Project ID #104) and Bryant (#102) properties.
SGVCOG	El Monte City School District/ Amigos de Los Rios	Joint Use Nature Trail, Gidley Elementary School- El Monte City School District	Gidley School is a three acre facility of the El Monte City School District located in a park deficient area of the City. District wishes to optimize use of existing school yard by opening it up to the community after school hours and on weekends. The multi-benefit project includes a sports field outfitted with state of the art water conserving irrigation system surrounded by a nature trail/fitness loop. Funding is requested to include: Creation of native habitat area consisting of trees & shrubs around perimeter of sports fields, an educational kiosk, interpretive signage, water fountains & benches. Application for planning phase only.	\$0	Partially fund. Recommend combining scope of studies for both Hellman (Project ID #104) and Bryant (#102) properties.
SGVCOG	El Monte, City of/ Amigos de los Rios	Peck Water Conservation Park Master Plan	Proposal by the City and Amigos de los Rios is for Phase 2 of the master plan at Peck Water Conservation Park, a unique 200 acre quarry now serving as a water management & recreation facility. The area consists of two lakes in a figure 8 shape. A concept master plan was completed by Amigos in 2005. The elements of this proposed master plan build on the concept plan work and include master plan elements for water resources, habitat restoration, enhanced trails and recreation opportunities, sustainable development guidelines, and interpretive signage as well as a review of revenue generation opportunities for park operators and maintenance. The master plan will benefit from the proposed ALTA survey for the area.	\$0	Fund. Excellent multi-purpose enhancements and maintenance to existing park space.
SGVCOG	El Monte, City of/ Amigos de los Rios	Peck Water Conservation Park Trail Development	Project with four aspects of a multi-benefit 200 acre recreation facility; including restoration/enhancement of habitat; creation of educational demonstration gardens & a network of trails. Creation of continuous 1.8 mile multi-modal equestrian, walking, biking trail c connecting east & west shores of the lake, surrounding schools and residential areas in a park poor area. new interpretive vistas/seating areas will be created along the trail which has a very pronounced topography. Amenities will include: interpretive signage, water fountains, benches, picnic areas and upgraded restroom and parking lot with Best Management Practices for water quality	\$0	Not recommended for funding. Investigate funding sources, i.e., Urban Parks Program, Trust for Public Land
SGVCOG	Glendora Community Conservancy	Acquisition & Buffer Expansion of Brodiaea Reserve	Purchase/Acquisition of 7 acres for buffer property to the Brodiaea. Property is in north Glendora Foothills. Open space has high quality oak woodland and is watershed of Hilton Canyon of the Regional Wildlife Corridor. Buffer between urban and Brodiaea Reserve. A key habitat link in the Foothills Wildlife Corridor. Endangered species (Brodiaea/Significant Ecological Area) protection.	\$0	Partially fund. Fund half of requested funds and have City request LA River funding from SMMC (Prop A)
SGVCOG	Glendora Community Conservancy	Bluebird Ranch Acquisition Phase III	Application refers to previous RMC file for prior Bluebird Ranch acquisitions, information about project was not included in application. This acquisition is for an additional 16 acres that is adjacent to the Bluebird Preserve that was created with RMC and WCB funds over the last three years.	\$0	Fund if deemed feasible, only those elements consistent with existing plans. All project applications in the Whittier Narrows area await consideration pending completion of the Whittier Narrows Development Plan. At this time there does not appear to be any urgency regarding the current project applications.
SGVCOG	LA Conservation Corps	LACC Restoration Projects	Crews from the LACC possess numerous skills to be used on a variety of RMC projects. These skills include but are not limited to demolition, general construction, removal of nonnative vegetation, native seed collection, trail building and maintenance, habitat restoration, recycling programs & construction. LACC crews are also well versed in making educational presentations concerning environmental issues to schools & in community @ multiple venues. RMC funding will provide 258 days or 10,320 hours crew labor. Project funding covers all costs to provide a crew including supervision, transportation, insurance, tools, uniforms and safety equipment. Project funding does not include material costs to complete assigned projects.	\$0	Partially fund. Fund \$365,000 Phase 1 project feasibility, planning and land tenure negotiations/agreements, design and necessary permits. RMC Staff will assist city to identify funding for implementation as a result of this planning effort.
SGVCOG	La Verne Land Conservancy	La Verne Open Space ANF Connection: Anabi Property Acquisition	The La Verne Land Conservancy would like to acquire a 33-acre parcel located in North La Verne that is privately owned by the Anabi family. Acquisition of this property would allow the City to move forward with development and management of a new trail connection leading from the lower elevation properties to the Sunset Ridge Mountain Road. The La Verne Land Conservancy would provide management of this parcel in conjunction with the City's management plan for the existing open space parcels.	\$0	Fund if deemed feasible. Work with applicants and other stakeholders to determine feasibility and prioritization of Compton Creek based on the Regional Garden Master Plan and return to the Board with a recommendation of funding for planning and design.

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SGVCOG	Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation	Riparian/Scrub Raptor Field Restoration (WNNA)	The Riparian/Scrub Raptor Field Restoration Project is for assessment, weed & invasive plants removal, planning and restoration of the Raptor Field in Whittier Narrows Regional Park at the Nature Center. This is for only the planning & assessment phase of the project.	\$0	Not recommended for funding. Investigate funding sources for matching funds for planning and ~\$1M for development elements to this existing park.
SGVCOG	Los Angeles County Flood Control District	Avocado Creek & Workman Mill Restoration	This is for Phase 1, feasibility, planning, design and CEQA for the project. To bring it to readiness for construction. The project is the acquisition of approximately 10,000 sq feet in the vicinity of the intersection of Avocado Creek & Workman Mill Road for the purpose of creating an open space area that will include stormwater filtration swales, 4,000 linear feet of decorative fence, interpretive and directional signage.	\$220,000	Ineligible; active recreation.
SGVCOG	Los Angeles County Flood Control District	Puente Creek & La Seda Restoration	The project consists of the development of a 13,000 square foot property using low impact development practices that incorporates native plant swales. The project will also serve as a recreational and educational resource for students and the community. Implementation of the project requires successfully negotiating a joint use agreement with the School District. The Step 2 application requests funds for preconstruction costs only.	\$0	Withdrawn. City self-deferred to 2009/10 funding cycle, no step 2 application submitted.
SGVCOG	Los Angeles County Flood Control District	San Jose Creek Multiuse Study	LA County Flood Control District proposes to evaluate the feasibility of developing a multiuse project along the San Jose Creek. Purpose of the project is to treat and recharge stormwater from San Jose Creek and provide passive recreational opportunities.	\$0	Not recommended for funding. Staff recommends working with applicant and stakeholders to determine feasibility and prioritization of project elements related to meeting Emerald Necklace Program goals.
SGVCOG	Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, County of	Santa Fe Dam Campground Development	The funding request is for the planning, design and CEQA for the campground enhancements consisting of installing fire rings, an amphitheater, seating, grading and providing native landscaping throughout the campground. The project also includes the development of an interpretive site displaying educational signage and low impact interactive equipment to interpret historical "Speed of light" experiments conducted by Einstein and Michelson at the turn of the century.	\$0	Incomplete application
SGVCOG	Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, County of	Schabarum Blueline Stream Restoration Project	Proposal by the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation for blue line stream restoration, bank naturalization, removal of excess concrete and invasive/non-native plant species, day lighting, native plantings, habitat restoration and interpretive signage.	\$0	Not recommended for funding due to relatively low evaluation scores for urban land value, water management, habitat, and restoration criteria.
SGVCOG	Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, County of	Skyline Trail/Rio Hondo Staging Area Development	The proposed project will provide site improvements to include landscaping and irrigation, horse water troughs, picnic tables/benches, hitching rails, and bridle fencing. The Step 2 application seeks funding for all three phases, from design through construction.	\$0	Fund if deemed feasible. Applicant should investigate funding potential from other State grant programs (e.g. River Parkways), and from CalTrans for needed accessibility improvements to the site.
SGVCOG	Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, County of	Whittier Narrows Bicycle/Ped Path Dev.	Project proposal includes the development of a 3 mile bike/walking path with exercise equipment, warm-up stations, stretching apparatus, education signage along with bioswales and native plantings. Proposal also emphasizes a special emphasis on a Pedestrian/Bicycle Traffic Signal across Durfee. It is unclear if the 3 mile path is new or simply enhanced. No phasing proposed for this proposal which is very large in scope and cost	\$0	Not recommended for funding, due to relatively low evaluation scores for habitat, recreation, and stakeholder involvement.
SGVCOG	Monrovia, City of	Acquisition Monrovia Hillside Wilderness Preserve	Grant request from the City of Monrovia to acquire a 40-acre lot located on Lower Clamshell Truck Trail in the foothills of Monrovia, CA. Acquisition is essential for completion of the Wilderness Preserve due to its status on the Federally Endangered plant Astragalus Braunt. The Resource & Recreation Management Plan is currently in draft form out for public comments for management of the Preserve and funds will be available (\$80k) annually from 2000 city bond measure for maintenance.	\$1,318,000	Fund if deemed feasible. All project applications in the Whittier Narrows area await consideration pending completion of the Whittier Narrows Development Plan. At this time there does not appear to be any urgency regarding the current project applications.

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SGVCOG	Montebello, Department of Parks & Recreation, City of	Montebello Rio Hondo Riverscape Conservatory	The City of Montebello intends to preserve and promote the San Gabriel Valley River Trails, which is the only stream that has not been altered. Plans include clearing the invasive non-native foliage to improve flood capacity; restoring natural habitat landscape, providing clean and safe trail linkage into the Rio Hondo Trails, the Bosque Rio Hondo, and establishing a Conservatory. Redeveloping this area that has been neglected for years will provide unique parkland amenities in the inner city. An education facility promoting environmental enrichment will service the patrons using bike paths, horse trails and passive recreation in the Montebello Riverscape Conservatory. In Step 2, the project has been divided into phases, with funding requested for the first phase to complete design, permitting, CEQA compliance, and construction drawings.	\$0	Not recommended for funding due a low evaluation score.
SGVCOG	Norwalk, City of	Norwalk Dog Park Acquisition & Development	City proposes to acquire and develop approximately 1.5 acres of vacant land located south of Briar Street and adjacent to the San Gabriel River. Initial City inquiry indicates this property to be under fee ownership by the LA County Flood Control District. This property is mainly unimproved easement and not suited for urban street use. However, this site presents an ideal setting for a dog park that would encompass facilities for parking, large dog area, small dog area and access to the San Gabriel River Hose and Bicycle trails.	\$0	Fund. \$766,584 is recommended for Phase 1 of the work plan. Applicant is encouraged to further strengthen the coalition with new partners, and identify other possible funding sources.
SGVCOG	Pasadena, City of	Eaton Wash Trail Development Project	Funding proposal is for the planning and design to extend the proposed Eaton Wash Trail approximately three miles north to south to create a new linkage between the Angeles National Forest/Eaton Canyon to the north through the City of Pasadena and continue south to connect with existing and planned regional trails. Proposed developments of the Easton Wash Trail consist of hiking, biking and walking trails within the City limits and contribute to the Golden Necklace. Presently inaccessible to the public, the trail will provide new public access and enhance access to existing trails between Eaton Canyon Nature Center and Angeles National Forest.	\$0	Withdrawn. Applicant Removed application due to award of grant from Resources Agency for project.
SGVCOG	Pomona, City of	White Avenue Park-Pomona	The City of Pomona proposes the acquisition and development of a new 4.3 acre urban park, to include fitness trail, picnic/rest areas, and other amenities.	\$0	Not recommended for funding. This project does not fit the initial criteria of new park, new trail, new habitat. It is an education & research project. There is no evidence of partnership with USFS, which is critical to placing composting toilets within the Angeles Forest.
SGVCOG	Riverlands Preservation Trust of the Rio San Gabriel (Rio Trust), The	Robert Reed Ranch Preserve Acquisition Project	Rio Trust proposes the acquisition of property in the Puente Hills adjacent to Rowland Heights, for stewardship, development and preservation of open space. The acquisition would: a) facilitate the connectivity of Schabarum Regional Park through the extension of trails and hiking paths; b) provide for the restoration and protection of endangered native species of plants and animals; c) provide for the continuation of available habitat for indigenous wildlife; d) promote fire safety through restoration with naturally fire resistant native plant species; and e) provide recreational and educational facilities.	\$0	Fund. This project supports a new park in a dense, urban area of Rosemead with limited parks and open space. The City is working collaboratively with SCE to develop this site into a passive park.
SGVCOG	Rosemead, City of	Pine/Falling Leaf Pocket Park	The City of Rosemead is proposing to develop pocket parks in three vacant parcels located underneath Southern California Edison (SCE) transmission line right-of-way areas. The needed parks are located in dense residential areas that contain little space. The application is to make improvements to the undeveloped parcel between Pine Street and Falling Leaf Avenue. The Pocket Parks will include native riparian landscape, walking trails, interpretive kiosks, and passive recreational amenities. The project will consist of two phases and involve contributions from City staff, the public, SCE, and neighboring residents. These projects are part of a larger vision to create a continuous greenway space along the entire SCE easement through the City of Rosemead.	\$0	Not recommended for funding. Recommend that applicant further develop concept and address issues related to public access, land tenure, and multi-use elements.
SGVCOG	Rosemead, City of	San Gabriel/Pine Pocket Park-Rosemead	The City of Rosemead is proposing to develop pocket parks in 3 vacant parcels located underneath SCE transmission line right of way areas. The proposed parks are located in dense residential areas that contain little open space. This application is to develop the design, secure the lease agreements, and construct the improvements to the undeveloped parcel between Pine Street and San Gabriel Blvd. The pocket parks will include native riparian landscaping, walking trails, interpretive kiosks and passive recreational amenities. This project consists of 2 phases and involves contributions from city staff, the public, SCE and neighboring residents.	\$548,340	Partially fund. Staff recommends the award of a feasibility grant in the amount of \$50,000 to further evaluate the feasibility of this Emerald Necklace project based on the following criteria: 1) incorporation into other funded segments; 2) analysis of matching fund opportunities; 3) feasibility based on land tenure, permitting and CEQA requirements and 4) prioritization of project elements based on a 12-36 month timeline for project completion.

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SGVCOG	San Dimas, City of / Glendora, City of	Wildwood Canyon Preserve Acquisition Project	The project is located in both San Dimas & Glendora. It consists of 17 parcels totaling approximately 510 acres undeveloped hillside open space. The acquisition is for the purpose of preservation of the natural habitat, low-impact recreation such as hiking and equestrian trails. Portions of the north and northeast sides of the site adjoin the Angeles National Forest. The project site includes 7 canyons and associated ridges. Wildlife currently travels north, east, and south through the canyons and ridges. The site includes essential habitat linkages, five permanent water sources, water recharge, critical open space, vital habitat for sensitive and endangered species, and a critical corridor buffer between the urban edge and the Angeles National Forest.	\$0	Incomplete. No Step 2 submitted
SGVCOG	San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy	Acquisition/ Restoration (Fire) Upper San Jose Watershed	Phase One acquisition of three 40 acre properties for watershed protection on the east flank of Palmer Canyon of the Upper San Jose Creek/Watershed. Major concerns have been raised about rapid habitat recovery essential to both plant communities and water supply/aquifer replenishment in serious fire damaged areas such as this. \$2 M + \$100K restoration	\$0	Not recommended for funding. Staff recommends working with applicant and stakeholders to determine feasibility and prioritization of project elements related to meeting Emerald Necklace Program goals.
SGVCOG	San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy	Acquisition/ Restoration Van Tassel Nature Sanctuary	This is a purchase/acquisition of 300 acres of existing open space in the San Gabriel Mountain foothills, immediately north of Duarte and west of Azusa for permanent watershed protection, open space and nature sanctuary preserve. Some passive recreation use and interpretation opportunities exist on Van Tassel Trail, a major regional connector trail from the Valley into the National Forest. Open space serves as coastal sage scrub habitat for sensitive species and buffer property between highly urbanized areas and the Angeles National Forest in eastern Los Angeles County. Restoration opportunities exist for eradication of invasive non-native plants' encroachment into wildland areas, and for habitat recovery. The property is a key habitat link in the Foothills Wildlife Corridor.	\$0	Not recommended for funding. Applicant should develop project concepts to incorporate Grant Program priorities.
SGVCOG	San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy	San Gabriel River Watershed Improvement Program	The San Gabriel River Waste Removal Multi-element project is a partnership between the San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy and the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito Vector Control District to address recreational watershed issues and stewardship training for the region's youth. Project includes procurement of vitally needed composting public toilets for high use, sensitive areas of the river. The program relies on the partnership, capital improvement and use of Vector Control Districts facilities where participants conduct lab research, mentoring and stewardship education activities.	\$0	Not recommended for funding due to a low evaluation score, especially for criteria such as habitat and water resources that could be increased significantly with a project designed to meet multiple objectives.
SGVCOG	San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy	Vasquez Conservation, Education, Rec Center (Acquisition)	One-of-a-kind Foothill multi-purpose center to be acquired and developed for outreach and education activities. Included will be: outdoor education (biology, geology, astronomy), plus conservation activities/training and recreation (suitable to all ages and multi-cultural)--and historic agriculture, plus Garcia Trail. \$4 million to go toward acquisition and \$500,000 to the Center (complex).	\$0	Fund if deemed feasible. Staff proposes to work with applicants and other stakeholders to determine feasibility and prioritization of Compton Creek based on the Regional Garden Master Plan and return to the Board with a recommendation of funding for planning and design.
SGVCOG	San Gabriel, City of	Vincent Lugo Park- San Gabriel	This project will preserve, revitalize and expand Vincent Lugo Park's open space and develop improved access to passive and active recreational opportunities. This park is adjacent to the Alhambra Wash. The proposal is a phased project with RMC funds requested for the next phase (2) which includes: the completion of the construction documents and the construction of the dry streambed, outdoor classroom, native plantings and interpretive signage. Applicant has Matching funding in place for the active recreation elements which will be constructed in the final phases.	\$525,409	Not recommended for funding. Project scored in lower end of the curve. \$250,813 for project from Recreational Transit Program (RTP) Trail grant application not awarded this round. City is not able to commit at this time to fill the funding gap. Total project cost: \$355,782
SGVCOG	South El Monte, City of / Amigos de los Rios	City to River Nature Walk Loop Development	Phase 1 planning for Civic Center enhancement, includes: City Hall, Library, County Assessor's Office, Recreation Center, Senior Center, Municipal swimming pool and tennis courts. City plans to create 5.6 mile walking trail loop around perimeter of Civic Center and Shively School, providing connection via City streets to Whittier Narrows Recreation area, Rio Hondo River (to west), San Gabriel River at Thienes Avenue (to east). Amenities to include native trees and shrubs, decomposed granite and concrete pathways, vegetated swales, water fountains, benches, interpretive signage, and exercise stations. City proposes to use reclaimed water for irrigation along the trail.	\$0	Fund. Project completes a small hilltop portion of this natural park, and removes unauthorized uses by adjoining residents.
SGVCOG	South El Monte, City of	Mary Vandyke Park Nature Trail Enhancement	Mary Van Dyke is an existing community park located in the City of South El Monte. The City proposes to upgrade the restrooms and playground area and add a nature trail with interpretive signage. The project will include decomposed granite and concrete walkways, native landscaping, interpretive signage for environmental education, benches and picnic tables.	\$562,034	Not recommended for funding. The majority of funding is for infrastructure of the refurbishment of the existing park.

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COG Area	Applicant	Project Name	Current Description	Recommended Funding Amount	Recommendation
SGVCOG	South El Monte, City of	New Temple Park	New Temple is an existing neighborhood park that accommodates many organized community sports events. The City proposes to create a nature trail loop around the existing athletic fields and support buildings of the park. The nature trail will include native trees, shrubs, interpretive signage and benches. The project will be designed to educate park users on water resources, natural and cultural history of the area. Application is for planning only	\$0	Partially fund. Funding would be for consultants to assist with negotiations and preparation of due diligence documents related to acquisition from willing sellers.
SGVCOG	Watershed Conservation Authority	Azusa River Wilderness Park at El Encanto Phase 1 Development	Proposal is for the design and construction documents of the Azusa River Wilderness Park Phase I development. Phase I will develop the surrounding areas at the old El Encanto Restaurant, specifically the area where the Mobile Home Park is currently situated. The concept plan will include an opportunity for an outdoor classroom as well for interpretive signage of the natural and cultural history as well as the importance of the watershed. Additionally the concept plan will include an outdoor Amphitheatre, Picnic area, Restroom, An Overlook, Entry Gates, Trail improvements as well as interpretive and wayfinding elements.	\$0	Fund if grant can be matched by other sources and access can be legally secured. The project increases 120 acres of open space dedicated by Monrovia Nursery.
SGVCOG	Watershed Conservation Authority	Citrus Heights Bike Stop Development	Phase 1: Conceptual planning, including community visioning, to form the basis for findings under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The budget includes funding for completion of CEQA analysis and certification.	\$0	Not recommended for funding. Recommend investigate alternative sources of funding. Further investigation required regarding safety and access issues on this very busy major street. see San Vicente Blvd in Brentwood as example.
SGVCOG	Watershed Conservation Authority	Development of the Duck Farm Phase 1B	Phase 1B will include a new 150 space parking lot. Improvements to the access road will enhance access to a community garden and dog park. A meandering trail along enhanced riparian landscape and meadow will lead to an expanded river-edge promenade along the east bank of the San Gabriel River between Valley Boulevard and the new Visitor Center and amphitheatre/outdoor classroom adjacent to a 1 acre fresh water marsh landscape. Access improvements by means of sidewalk improvements and a pedestrian access ramp at Valley Boulevard. The existing equestrian facility will be expanded and improved.	\$0	Fund. High scoring in River/Tributary Program with strong water conservation and Best Management Practices built into the plans. Funding award would complete the project and leverage significant matching funds.
SGVCOG	Watershed Conservation Authority	Planning for Phase 2 of the Duck Farm project	Phases 1A and 1B provide for design and construction of open space elements at the Duck Farm north of Avocado Creek to Valley Blvd. Phase 2 will extend the planning and implementation of the project to include those areas south of Avocado Creek and seek to continue the River Commons Promenade to San Jose Creek to the SG River Bike Trail. The planning implementation will include input from the City of Industry and SCE to seek zoning and additional agreements to complete the Duck Farm Project.	\$0	Fund if deemed feasible. Staff proposes to work with applicants and other stakeholders to determine feasibility and prioritization of Compton Creek based on the Regional Garden Master Plan and return to the Board with a recommendation of funding for planning and design.
SGVCOG	Watershed Conservation Authority	San Gabriel River Confluence w/ Cattle Canyon Improvement Project	This project is to do improvements on the portion of the confluence of the East Fork of the San Gabriel River with Cattle Canyon and its creek. This project will include a feasibility study, development of the site, interpretive and directional signage, habitat restoration, an outreach program utilizing the Southern California Consortium project and a study on the effectiveness of the outreach. This pilot project will be completed with the intent that it is replicable in other areas of the Angeles National Forest and the San Gabriel River Watershed. This project is a collaboration of the U.S. Forest Service, Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, Sierra Club, Southern California Consortium, and the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, with all of the partners allocating staff time to the project. (Total request over three phases.) Phase 1: \$766,584; Phase 2: \$1,847,579; Phase 3: \$95,794	\$766,584	Partially fund for Phase 1 planning and documentation of California Environmental Quality Act with technical assistance support from RMC in developing project scope and work. Staff will work with applicant to identify matching funds.
SGVCOG	Watershed Conservation Authority	San Gabriel River Trail extension to ARWP	This is the design and the development of an extension of the San Gabriel River Trail from its current end in Azusa to the Azusa River Wilderness Park, the parking lot of El Encanto.	\$0	Fund. Approve Funding for first phase. Project has very strong trail and access elements, good interpretive features.
SGVCOG	Watershed Conservation Authority	Santa Fe Dam Bike Trail Enhancement Project	No Step 2 submitted	\$0	Not recommended for funding due to the high cost and lack of matching funds. Encourage applicant to carry out pre-acquisition tasks such as zoning and general plan amendment and appraisal to strengthen a future grant application. Explore potential of matching funds from Prop A and the City.

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Sorted by COG Area then by Applicant

COG Area	Applicant	Project Name	Current Description	Recommended Funding Amount	Recommendation
Unincorporated/City of LA	Harbor/Watts Economic Development Corporation	Watts Gateway Phase II Development Project	The grant proposal is for the planning, CEQA, permits and Construction Documents for the Compton Creek enhancements along the intersection of Imperial Highway and Central Avenue. Enhancements include interfaces for a future connection to the Willowbrook portion of the Compton Creek Bike Trail, connections to the Welcome to Watts sign, and connections along the Compton Creek and Central Avenue.	\$0	Not recommended for funding. No new access, urban value low, overall low score.
Unincorporated/City of LA	Harbor/Watts Economic Development Corporation	Watts Towers Green Streets Development Project	Grant request submitted by the Harbor/Watts Economic Development Corporation for planning, design, and community outreach for enhancements within the Compton Creek Watershed from 103rd Street train station south to Watts Towers/Mingus Art Center and 108th/Grandee. Improvements include stormwater measures, access and enhancements at public park and public right-of-ways. Additionally, sustainable greening at Watts Tower and Mingus Art Center and along Metro Blue Line Corridor. Project will also include land use evaluation for willing-selling land acquisition for public open space, elimination of blight and dumping, habitat restoration within project area. Project will also implement recommendations from s "Realizing Change Compton Creek Watershed."	\$445,000	Fund if deemed feasible. Feasibility will be determined for all project applications in the Whittier Narrows area pending completion of the Whittier Narrows Development Plan. At this time there does not appear to be any urgency regarding the current project applications.
Unincorporated/City of LA	Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council	Vermont Median Pilot Development and Assessment	Vermont Avenue extends 25 miles from Griffith Park to the Pacific Ocean through many historical sites, jurisdictions & neighborhoods. For 3.75 miles this corridor runs through RMC territory and has a 170 foot wide right-of-way. This project will feature a preliminary assessment of the opportunities and constraints along the right-of-way by an undergraduate Cal Poly Pomona planning class; design recommendations; engineering design; construction of a PILOT park along two blocks of the median (from 90th to 89th Street). Advocacy time for extra policy change associated with this project included.	\$0	Fund if grant can be matched by other sources. Recommend investigation of matching funding sources, due to large cost of acquisition.
Unincorporated/City of LA	Watershed Conservation Authority	98th Street Park-South LA	Phase 1: Conceptual planning, including community visioning and feasibility, to form the basis for findings under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The budget includes funding for completion of CEQA analysis and certification. Resulting model project at 98th Street would lay groundwork for additional projects of this type within Department of Water and Power right of way, which passes through many park poor areas in Los Angeles County.	\$300,000	Ineligible. Playground application only

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Project Name	Applicant	Current Description	Recommended Funding Amount	Recommendation
98th Street Park-South LA	Watershed Conservation Authority	Phase 1: Conceptual planning, including community visioning and feasibility, to form the basis for findings under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The budget includes funding for completion of CEQA analysis and certification. Resulting model project at 98th Street would lay groundwork for additional projects of this type within Department of Water and Power right of way, which passes through many park poor areas in Los Angeles County.	\$300,000	Fund. This project supports a new park in a dense, urban area of Rosemead with limited parks and open space. The City is working collaboratively with SCE to develop this site into a passive park.
Acquisition Monrovia Hillside Wilderness Preserve	Monrovia, City of	Grant request from the City of Monrovia to acquire a 40-acre lot located on Lower Clamshell Truck Trail in the foothills of Monrovia, CA. Acquisition is essential for completion of the Wilderness Preserve due to its status on the Federally Endangered plant Astragalus Brauntun. The Resource & Recreation Management Plan is currently in draft form out for public comments for management of the Preserve and funds will be available (\$80k) annually from 2000 city bond measure for maintenance.	\$1,318,000	Fund. \$300,000 Phase 1 Planning and documentation for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
Avocado Creek & Workman Mill Restoration	Los Angeles County Flood Control District	This is for Phase 1, feasibility, planning, design and CEQA for the project. To bring it to readiness for construction. The project is the acquisition of approximately 10,000 sq feet in the vicinity of the intersection of Avocado Creek & Workman Mill Road for the purpose of creating an open space area that will include stormwater filtration swales, 4,000 linear feet of decorative fence, interpretive and directional signage.	\$220,000	Partially fund. Recommend funding for site access and security development. Funding should include consulting with a traffic engineer to determine safe egress and ingress options. Concept plan should also include feasibility and funding for a pedestrian bridge as well as securing easements for access in property.
Azusa-Geology Park Development	Azusa, City of	The City of Azusa will develop a city owned .5 acre parcel that sits between a San Gabriel River bike trail trailhead and the SG River Regional bike trail, into a geology interpretive park. The Vulcan Mining Company rock Conveyor, used to transport material mined in Fish Canyon to Releace Quarry at Vulcan Mining Company rock conveyor at Irwindale Avenue is overhead and adjacent to this site. Immediate vistas include surface mining on the foothills to the north.	\$279,000	Partially fund. Fund \$520,000 to develop four of the eight pocket parks as Phase 1 (Sites 2, 3, 5 and 8), based upon community need determined by the City. These four sites are City-owned. Federal match \$147,000. RMC Staff will assist City to identify funding for implementation of the remaining sites.
Canyon Institute Site Access and Security Project	California Resource Connections, inc.	Funding proposal is for the planning and design of the Canyon Institute that includes a regional low impact development demonstration and watershed education center. To accommodate future users and minimize related impacts, CRC proposes to design and build new site access, parking and security improvements using sustainable design materials and management practices. Project components include a new driveway, on-site parking, ADA access to classrooms and offices, interpretive security gates and fencing, and landscape improvements. Design elements will include permeable surfaces, strategic drainage design native and compatible low water plant species and recycled material were possible. Parking areas and travelways will accommodate multiple purposes including community or regional special events.	\$150,000	Partially fund. Recommend funding for planning and design (including CEQA) on two sites located in Buena Park and La Habra. Even though this project scored below the overall cut off point, funding is recommended to address the lack of projects in the Orange County region.
City of Lynwood Pocket Parks	Lynwood, City of	Phase 1 of project will create four (4) new open spaces within walking, biking distance of each other. All sites are within 50' of residential areas with access to Metro & bus lines. Directional site signage and brochure/map in English & Spanish to be available in print and via internet. All sites are within 15 minute or less walking distance to existing parks. Partners include Lynwood Unified School District and CalTrans. An artist will create educational and interpretive signage in English & Spanish to include elements on natural, cultural history and watershed stewardship. Site elements include walkways, signage, benches, landscaping. CalTrans has offered use of adjacent land for sustainable native plant landscaping to integrate with mature Redwood and other trees.	\$520,000	Partially fund. Staff recommends the award of a feasibility grant in the amount of \$50,000 to further evaluate the feasibility of this Emerald Necklace project based on the following criteria: 1) incorporation into other funded segments; 2) analysis of matching fund opportunities; 3) feasibility based on land tenure, permitting and CEQA requirements and 4) prioritization of project elements based on a 12-36 month timeline for project completion.
Coyote Creek Bikeway Entry Development Project	California Resource Connections, inc.	Grant proposal is for the design and planning to provide enhancements along the Coyote Creek Bikeway to help develop a regional identity. CRC proposes to design and construct four prominent entry points, tow at the North Fork of Coyote Creek and Artesia Boulevard and two at Coyote Creek and Marquardt Ave in Cerritos. Project elements include whimsical and custom-designed gates and fences, interpretive signage and appropriated native plants. A design competition among schools in the watershed will be utilized to identify design themes for each gate. A palette of plants and a hardscape materials will be developed to create the signature look for not only these three sites but for subsequent trail-side installations.	\$100,000	Partially fund. Funding will go towards the construction elements of the project which can include grading and other elements of the first Phase of development. Work with the City to commit Prop A funds for future phases of the project.

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De Forest Park Wetland Restoration Project	Long Beach, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine, City of	The DeForest Park Wetlands Restoration Project will restore 26-acres of historic wetlands, scrub and woodland habitat, provide water quality improvement, passive recreational amenities and interpretive enhancement while retaining flood control properties to create a river parkway along the lower Los Angeles River. This grant proposal is for the first Phase of implementation of the overall project. The project also includes improving the existing degraded pedestrian trail with enhanced trails, overlooks and educational displays. Project elements include improved spillways for storm drain outlets, regarded slope to restore stream flow and trails, installation of trash collection devices, removal of exotic plants, replanting of native plants, redirection of Market Street storm drain to wetland instead of pump forebay, and preparation and installation of educational and directive signage.	\$1,000,000	Partially fund. Award a feasibility grant in the amount of \$200,000 (\$50,000 for each of the highest scoring Emerald Necklace (EN) project applications) to further evaluate both the feasibility and prioritization of EN project segments based on the following criteria: 1) completion of previously funded segments; 2) analysis of matching fund opportunities; 3) feasibility prioritization based on land tenure, permitting and CEQA requirements for each segment and 4) prioritization of project elements based on a 12-36 month timeline for project completion.
Emerald Necklace Segment C2: Quarry/San Gabriel River to Ramona Blvd.	Amigos de los Rios Los Angeles County Department of Parks & Recreation	The first phase of the Emerald Necklace Segment C2 project is for Survey, Outreach, Design and permits. The Emerald Necklace Segment C is a distance of 1.4 miles from Hanson Aggregates to Ramona Boulevard, with an enhanced access at Lower Azusa Ave and the San Gabriel River.	\$50,000	Partially fund. Award a feasibility grant in the amount of \$200,000 (\$50,000 for each of the highest scoring Emerald Necklace (EN) project applications) to further evaluate both the feasibility and prioritization of EN project segments based on the following criteria: 1) completion of previously funded segments; 2) analysis of matching fund opportunities; 3) feasibility prioritization based on land tenure, permitting and CEQA requirements for each segment and 4) prioritization of project elements based on a 12-36 month timeline for project completion.
Emerald Necklace-Segment A2 ACE-Garvey Avenue to Eaton Wash	Amigos de los Rios Los Angeles County Department of Parks & Recreation	Grant proposal is for the planning and design of an existing trail along the west side of the Rio Hondo as a segment to the Emerald Necklace. The trail crosses the cities of Rosemead, Montebello, El Monte and South El Monte. The proposed project includes enhancing the trail to provide amenities to the user, interpretive signage, and native landscaping.	\$50,000	Partially fund. Award a feasibility grant in the amount of \$200,000 (\$50,000 for each of the highest scoring Emerald Necklace (EN) project applications) to further evaluate both the feasibility and prioritization of EN project segments based on the following criteria: 1) completion of previously funded segments; 2) analysis of matching fund opportunities; 3) feasibility prioritization based on land tenure, permitting and CEQA requirements for each segment and 4) prioritization of project elements based on a 12-36 month timeline for project alignment.
Emerald Necklace Segment B2: From Valley to Peck Park South	Amigos de los Rios Los Angeles County Department of Parks & Recreation	This Emerald Necklace multi-benefit projects involves enhancing an existing county trail not currently open to the public with native landscaping, interpretive signage, and trail amenities to include benches, water fountain, and new decorative gates. The segment runs for 3 miles along the West Bank of the Rio Hondo through the LA County Flood Control right-of-way, connects and passes through the Rio Vista Park in El Monte. We propose to enhance connections between Valley Boulevard and Rio Vista Park, and between Rio Vista Park and the south entrance to Peck Park. We propose to improve the intersection where Lower Azusa, a major arterial, crosses the Rio Hondo. Project design would incorporate, where appropriate, vegetated swales to percolate water into the ground rather than loading the channel. The project remains the same, but would be phased. The Step 2 application requests funding for survey, outreach, design, and permitting.	\$50,000	Partially fund. Award a feasibility grant in the amount of \$200,000 (\$50,000 for each of the highest scoring Emerald Necklace (EN) project applications) to further evaluate both the feasibility and prioritization of EN project segments based on the following criteria: 1) completion of previously funded segments; 2) analysis of matching fund opportunities; 3) feasibility prioritization based on land tenure, permitting and CEQA requirements for each segment and 4) prioritization of project elements based on a 12-36 month timeline for project completion.
Emerald Necklace Segment E: Ramona Boulevard to the Whittier Narrows at Peck Road	Amigos de los Rios Los Angeles County Department of Parks & Recreation	This funding request is for the initial phasing for the project, planning, design, outreach and CEQA. This Emerald Necklace Segment E is a multi benefit project that involves enhancing existing signage and trail amenities to include benches, water fountain & new decorative gates as appropriate. This segment runs 3.9 miles along the west bank of the San Gabriel River from Ramona to Peck Blvd.	\$50,000	Fund. This project is located in an urban target area and will result in a new trail connection, a trail between the two existing parks along with the refurbishment of the irrigation system to conserve water.

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Huntington Park Trail and Open Space Development	Huntington Park, City of	Huntington Park Trail and Open Space Development Project has been phased to request funding for the first phase. Phase 1 is: Planning, Design, CEQA and Permits. Planning, design development and rehabilitation of the 5.8 acres of open space and 1.63 trail miles at Salt Lake Park and adjacent DWP transmission corridor. Salt Lake park trail development to include more than 6000 feet of trail space. Rehabilitation will include complete replacement of irrigation systems to improve water conservation and hydrate native landscaping to be installed around the trail. Project also includes installation of lighting to illuminate trail for evening use, and installation of trail signage and fitness zones. DWP portion to include the lease and development of 10 parcels of land into trail and open space.	\$585,000	Fund. Project completes a small hilltop portion of this natural park, and removes unauthorized uses by adjoining residents.
LCWA Wetlands Restoration & Recreation Access-Bryant	Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority	In June of 2006 the LCWA purchased 66 acres of Los Cerritos Wetlands from Bryants. However, the Bryants retained the portions of the property that are adjacent to the nearest road. Purchasing the frontage property is integral to developing a comprehensive restoration plan for the area and would allow the design of public trails that will connect the communities of Southeast Long Beach to Seal Beach. The Bryant Phase 2 Acquisition is composed of a 12 acre parcel just west of the San Gabriel River and another nearly 5 acres just east of the river. The Step 2 application took a phased approach, with requested funds to be applied to planning and design for wetland restoration and stewardship planning, including hydrologic studies.	\$225,000	Partially fund. Recommend combining scope of studies for both Hellman (Project ID #104) and Bryant (#102) properties.
LCWA Wetlands Restoration & Recreation Access-Hellman	Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority	The LCWA is currently engaged in negotiations to purchase 100 acres of wetlands from the Hellmans. Once this purchase is completed, LCWA will initiate the restoration of the salt marsh and upland habitat. A large part of this project will involve a costly hydrological engineering aspect intended to improve the tidal flushing on the site and the other sites under the LCWA's control or ownership. This land has been privately owned for over a century and LCWA wants to improve the recreational access by linking it with other neighboring parks and communities of Seal beach. Phase One is acquisition of the Hellman Property, with this project as Phase 2 the Analysis, Restoration plan and Recreational Access Plan and Design.	\$225,000	Partially fund. Recommend combining scope of studies for both Hellman (Project ID #104) and Bryant (#102) properties.
Mary Vandyke Park Nature Trail Enhancement	South El Monte, City of	Mary Van Dyke is an existing community park located in the City of South El Monte. The City proposes to upgrade the restrooms and playground area and add a nature trail with interpretive signage. The project will include decomposed granite and concrete walkways, native landscaping, interpretive signage for environmental education, benches and picnic tables.	\$562,034	Partially fund. Funding would be for consultants to assist with negotiations and preparation of due diligence documents related to acquisition from willing sellers.
Maywood Riverfront Park Project-Phase 2	Maywood, city of	The project is the second phase of Maywood Riverfront Park. This project is the final implementation of Maywood Riverfront Park this phase includes open space consisting of native & ornamental landscaping, picnic areas, river viewpoints, bike/pedestrian trails and bilingual interpretation that will comprehensively serve for passive recreational activities, promote public health, and link the community to the Los Angeles River Greenway Project.	\$125,000	Fund. Excellent multi-purpose enhancements and maintenance to existing park space.
Multi-purpose Trail /Landscape Development Project	South Gate, City of	Phase 1 planning: \$365,000 includes design/survey/permits. The project will beautify, enhance access and provide low impact recreation opportunities by improving the southern 25 feet of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) right of way between Santa Fe Avenue and the Los Angeles River Trail system. The improvements consist of a multi-purpose trail, in addition to eliminating the visual blight of the UPRR right of way. The City of South Gate is an "impacted city" and the project will enhance urban land, as defined under the Urban Green Space designation.	\$365,000	Fund. High scoring in River/Tributary Program with strong water conservation and Best Management Practices built into the plans. Funding award would complete the project and leverage significant matching funds.

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San Gabriel River Confluence w/ Cattle Canyon Improvement Project	Watershed Conservation Authority	This project is to do improvements on the portion of the confluence of the East Fork of the San Gabriel River with Cattle Canyon and its creek. This project will include a feasibility study, development of the site, interpretive and directional signage, habitat restoration, an outreach program utilizing the Southern California Consortium project and a study on the effectiveness of the outreach. This pilot project will be completed with the intent that it is replicable in other areas of the Angeles National Forest and the San Gabriel River Watershed. This project is a collaboration of the U.S. Forest Service, Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, Sierra Club, Southern California Consortium, and the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District, with all of the partners allocating staff time to the project. (Total request over three phases.) Phase 1: \$766,584; Phase 2: \$1,847,579; Phase 3: \$95,794	\$766,584	Fund. Project has a high habitat value, is the last of the acreage needed to complete the Monrovia Hillside Preserve. Previous acquisitions for the Preserve has had approximately \$10 million in matching funds.
San Gabriel/Pine Pocket Park-Rosemead	Rosemead, City of	The City of Rosemead is proposing to develop pocket parks in 3 vacant parcels located underneath SCE transmission line right of way areas. The proposed parks are located in dense residential areas that contain little open space. This application is to develop the design, secure the lease agreements, and construct the improvements to the undeveloped parcel between Pine Street and San Gabriel Blvd. The pocket parks will include native riparian landscaping, walking trails, interpretive kiosks and passive recreational amenities. This project consists of 2 phases and involves contributions from city staff, the public, SCE and neighboring residents.	\$548,340	Partially fund for Phase 1 planning and documentation of California Environmental Quality Act with technical assistance support from RMC in developing project scope and work. Staff will work with applicant to identify matching funds.
Santa Fe Basin Gateway Nature Trail	Duarte, City of	The City of Duarte has received a grant from MTA to develop, in collaboration with the LA county Public works, a class A bicycle path through the Santa Fe Dam lower spreading basin area. This trail will greatly benefit Duarte residents by providing direct access from the City of Hope area in Duarte to the San Gabriel River Bikeway. The RMC grant will provide native plant landscaping, interpretive signage, a nature loop, and other amenities to enhance casual visitor use of the area of the Santa Fe Basin and provide users with important environmental information.	\$50,000	Partially fund. Fund half of requested funds and have City request LA River funding from SMMC (Prop A)
Sycamore Canyon Trail Phase IV Development Project	Diamond Bar, City of	This project will restore and preserve threatened natural habitat to an area of 1.1 acres of open space that local residents have taken over for unauthorized uses such as a primitive soccer field and exercise course, residential landscaping, etc., resulting in the area's loss of natural growth. Obesity will be addressed with low impact pars course exercise stations, walking and hiking. The project adds landscape tie steps up a 375-foot hill leading to 1,375-foot upper trail - a total of 1,750 linear feet. The trail will be of decomposed granite with recycled product trex headers, and will also include benches, trash receptacles, and educational/interpretive signs.	\$76,230	Fund. This project supports increased park land in an Urban Target Area. Once completed, this project will connect the Creek to the Duck Farm and the San Gabriel River.
Una Lake Wetlands Acquisition & Restoration 2	Antelope Valley Conservancy	Proposal submitted by the Antelope Valley Conservancy to acquire and establish for ongoing restoration, enhancement and preservation of an additional 500 acres of high quality habitat that extends along the San Andreas Rift Zone, uplands and spring-fed headwaters from southwest of Una Lake to Palmdale's Riparian Preserve and beyond to Barrel Springs. The potential acquisition will involved multiple funding partners and utilize various tools such as conservation easements. This project will preserve wildlife corridors linking the San Gabriel Mountains and the Tehachapi Mountains and thus provide an important connection with the Sierra Nevadas.	\$75,000	Fund. Opportunity to capture a pocket park and trailhead enhancement along the San Gabriel River. Excellent collaboration of City with private partner (Vulcan) and RMC.
Vincent Lugo Park- San Gabriel	San Gabriel, City of	This project will preserve, revitalize and expand Vincent Lugo Park's open space and develop improved access to passive and active recreational opportunities. This park is adjacent to the Alhambra Wash. The proposal is a phased project with RMC funds requested for the next phase (2) which includes: the completion of the construction documents and the construction of the dry streambed, outdoor classroom, native plantings and interpretive signage. Applicant has Matching funding in place for the active recreation elements which will be constructed in the final phases.	\$525,409	Partially fund. Fund \$365,000 Phase 1 project feasibility, planning and land tenure negotiations/agreements, design and necessary permits. RMC Staff will assist city to identify funding for implementation as a result of this planning effort.

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Watts Towers Watts Green Streets Development Project	Harbor/Watts Economic Development Corporation	Grant request submitted by the Harbor/Watts Economic Development Corporation for planning, design, and community outreach for enhancements within the Compton Creek Watershed from 103rd Street train station south to Watts Towers/Mingus Art Center and 108th/Grandee. Improvements include stormwater measures, access and enhancements at public park and public right-of-ways. Additionally, sustainable greening at Watts Tower and Mingus Art Center and along Metro Blue Line Corridor. Project will also include land use evaluation for willing-selling land acquisition for public open space, elimination of blight and dumping, habitat restoration within project area. Project will also implement recommendations from s "Realizing Change Compton Creek Watershed."	\$445,000	Fund. Approve Funding for first phase. Project has very strong trail and access elements, good interpretive features.
West San Gabriel River Parkway- Phase 3 Development	Lakewood, City of	The project will provide re-grading, establish riparian flora, native grasses and add a 2, 900-foot ADA trail along Lakewood's remaining 11 acres of undeveloped riverside lands between Del Amo Boulevard and Candlewood Street. Plans also include the installation of 525 feet in hardscape pathways through a major city community services facility (Mae Boyar Park) that will link the new greenbelt with the existing 19 acres of the West San Gabriel River Parkway Nature Trail. The addition of this new trail development will create a mile and one-half of continuous greenbelt bordering Lakewood's western side of the river. The Step 2 application requests funds for preconstruction costs only.	\$106,638	Fund. \$766,584 is recommended for Phase 1 of the work plan. Applicant is encouraged to further strengthen the coalition with new partners, and identify other possible funding sources.

EXHIBIT E, Tier 2 Applications Recommended for Funding, Pending Feasibility Analysis Sorted by Project Name			
Project Name	Applicant	Current Description	Recommendation
Arrastre Canyon Acquisition	Nature Conservancy, The	This project is for the acquisition of 326 acres, that is approx 1.7 miles of Arrastre Canyon near Soledad Canyon. Arrastre Creek is a tributary to the Santa Clara River. The property is the entire canyon and the creek from the river up to the Angeles National Forest. This property was identified as a tier one conservation property in the SCR Upper Watershed Conservation Plan. It is identified in the South Coast wildlife corridors under the South Coast Missing Linkage Project.	Fund if grant can be matched by other sources. The project's habitat value is high, and is identified in Missing Linkages.
Bluebird Ranch Acquisition Phase III	Glendora Community Conservancy	Application refers to previous RMC file for prior Bluebird Ranch acquisitions, information about project was not included in application. This acquisition is for an additional 16 acres that is adjacent to the Bluebird Preserve that was created with RMC and WCB funds over the last three years.	Fund if grant is matched from other sources. Recommend further analysis for possible matching funds. Although application incomplete, project met urgency criteria for evaluation as a Tier 2 project.
Cocoa St. Park Development-Compton	Compton, City of	Funding request is for the planning and design of a City owned cul-de-sac which would involve the removal of existing street pavement to create new park space in a highly urbanized area adjacent to Compton Creek. In place of the street pavement the City of Compton proposes to install a permeable walkway surface, landscaping with native plants, directional and interpretive signage, security lighting and bench seating.	Fund if grant can be matched by other sources. Approximately half of this acreage is an informal debris basin and could qualify for funding by Department of Water Resources through the IRWMP.
Joint Use Nature Trail Columbia School- El Monte City School District	El Monte City School District/ Amigos de Los Rios	Columbia School is a five acre facility of the El Monte City School District located in a park deficient area of the City. District wishes to optimize use of existing school yard by opening it up to the community after school hours and on weekends. The multi-benefit project includes a sports field outfitted with state of the art water conserving irrigation system surrounded by a nature trail/fitness loop. Funding is requested to include an educational kiosk, interpretive signage, water fountains & benches. Application for planning phase only.	Fund if deemed feasible. Feasibility will be determined for all project applications in the Whittier Narrows area pending completion of the Whittier Narrows Development Plan. At this time there does not appear to be any urgency regarding the current project applications.
Joint Use Nature Trail, Gidley Elementary School- El Monte City School District	El Monte City School District/ Amigos de Los Rios	Gidley School is a three acre facility of the El Monte City School District located in a park deficient area of the City. District wishes to optimize use of existing school yard by opening it up to the community after school hours and on weekends. The multi-benefit project includes a sports field outfitted with state of the art water conserving irrigation system surrounded by a nature trail/fitness loop. Funding is requested to include: Creation of native habitat area consisting of trees & shrubs around perimeter of sports fields, an educational kiosk, interpretive signage, water fountains & benches. Application for planning phase only.	Fund if grant can be matched by other sources. Recommend investigation of matching funding sources, due to large cost of acquisition.
La Verne Open Space ANF Connection: Anabi Property Acquisition	La Verne Land Conservancy	The La Verne Land Conservancy would like to acquire a 33-acre parcel located in North La Verne that is privately owned by the Anabi family. Acquisition of this property would allow the City to move forward with development and management of a new trail connection leading from the lower elevation properties to the Sunset Ridge Mountain Road. The La Verne Land Conservancy would provide management of this parcel in conjunction with the City's management plan for the existing open space parcels.	Fund if deemed feasible. Staff proposes to work with applicants and other stakeholders to determine feasibility and prioritization of Compton Creek based on the Regional Garden Master Plan and return to the Board with a recommendation of funding for planning and design.

EXHIBIT E, Tier 2 Applications Recommended for Funding, Pending Feasibility Analysis Sorted by Project Name			
Project Name	Applicant	Current Description	Recommendation
Montebello Rio Hondo Riverscape Conservatory	Montebello, Department of Parks & Recreation, City of	The City of Montebello intends to preserve and promote the San Gabriel Valley River Trails, which is the only stream that has not been altered. Plans include clearing the invasive non-native foliage to improve flood capacity; restoring natural habitat landscape, providing clean and safe trail linkage into the Rio Hondo Trails, the Bosque Rio Hondo, and establishing a Conservatory. Redeveloping this area that has been neglected for years will provide unique parkland amenities in the inner city. An education facility promoting environmental enrichment will service the patrons using bike paths, horse trails and passive recreation in the Montebello Riverscape Conservatory. In Step 2, the project has been divided into phases, with funding requested for the first phase to complete design, permitting, CEQA compliance, and construction drawings.	Fund if deemed feasible, only those elements consistent with existing plans. All project applications in the Whittier Narrows area await consideration pending completion of the Whittier Narrows Development Plan. At this time there does not appear to be any urgency regarding the current project applications.
Native Habitat Restoration, Trail Improvements, Compton	Compton, City of	The project is for the first phase of the project that will complete the planning, design and CEQA for the trail which will then restore native habitat along the existing multipurpose trail adjacent to Compton Creek. Along the more than half mile trail, native riparian landscaping will be planted, educational signage and recreational amenities will be installed, and the existing chain link fencing will be replaced with a decorative fence. Access points at Compton and Alondra Boulevards will be made wheelchair accessible. Stormwater runoff will be collected, treated with Best management Practices (BMPs), and recycled in a graywater irrigation system.	Fund if deemed feasible. Work with applicants and other stakeholders to determine feasibility and prioritization of Compton Creek based on the Regional Garden Master Plan and return to the Board with a recommendation of funding for planning and design.
Planning for Phase 2 of the Duck Farm project	Watershed Conservation Authority	Phases 1A and 1B provide for design and construction of open space elements at the Duck Farm north of Avocado Creek to Valley Blvd. Phase 2 will extend the planning and implementation of the project to include those areas south of Avocado Creek and seek to continue the River Commons Promenade to San Jose Creek to the SG River Bike Trail. The planning implementation will include input from the City of Industry and SCE to seek zoning and additional agreements to complete the Duck Farm Project.	Fund if deemed feasible. Applicant should investigate funding potential from other State grant programs (e.g. River Parkways), and from CalTrans for needed accessibility improvements to the site.
Riparian/Scrub Raptor Field Restoration (WNNA)	Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation	The Riparian/Scrub Raptor Field Restoration Project is for assessment, weed & invasive plants removal, planning and restoration of the Raptor Field in Whittier Narrows Regional Park at the Nature Center. This is for only the planning & assessment phase of the project.	Fund if deemed feasible. All project applications in the Whittier Narrows area await consideration pending completion of the Whittier Narrows Development Plan. At this time there does not appear to be any urgency regarding the current project applications.
Street-End Park, Compton	Compton, City of	Grant proposal is for planning and design of converting 13 street ends that adjoin the Compton Creek into small pocket parks that would increase public access sites to the bike path and the equestrian trail as well as provide open space. At each location, possible elements include native landscaping, walkways, benches, fencing, and educational signage. All sites would incorporate Best Management Practices. Project locations were selected from the Regional Garden Park Master Plan.	Fund if deemed feasible. Staff proposes to work with applicants and other stakeholders to determine feasibility and prioritization of Compton Creek based on the Regional Garden Master Plan and return to the Board with a recommendation of funding for planning and design.
Vasquez Conservation, Education, Rec Center (Acquisition)	San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy	One-of-a-kind Foothill multi-purpose center to be acquired and developed for outreach and education activities. Included will be: outdoor education (biology, geology, astronomy), plus conservation activities/training and recreation (suitable to all ages and multi-cultural)--and historic agriculture, plus Garcia Trail. \$4 million to go toward acquisition and \$500,000 to the Center (complex).	Fund if deemed feasible. Work with applicant to identify matching funds and determine feasibility of RMC elements in connection to the Emerald Necklace analysis and return to Board with recommendation.

EXHIBIT E, Tier 2 Applications Recommended for Funding, Pending Feasibility Analysis Sorted by Project Name			
Project Name	Applicant	Current Description	Recommendation
Watts Gateway Phase II Development Project	Harbor/Watts Economic Development Corporation	The grant proposal is for the planning, CEQA, permits and Construction Documents for the Compton Creek enhancements along the intersection of Imperial Highway and Central Avenue. Enhancements include interfaces for a future connection to the Willowbrook portion of the Compton Creek Bike Trail, connections to the Welcome to Watts sign, and connections along the Compton Creek and Central Avenue.	Fund if grant can be matched by other sources and access can be legally secured. The project increases 120 acres of open space dedicated by Monrovia Nursery.
Whittier Narrows Equestrian Facility Development	Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, County of	The project objective is to establish the Whittier Narrows Equestrian Facility as a model for the best management practices for storm water runoff and containment of waste impacting the adjacent watershed. The project would remedy flooding and drainage problems by corrective grading, averting off-site drainage from existing facilities and containing on-site drainage. The project scope includes, widening the entry and installing gates; signage landscaping; replacement of infrastructure for water, electrical and sewer; a new restroom; storage building, new exterior lighting. The project will serve as an example for sustainable practices and mitigate the current impacts to the San Gabriel River. The Step 2 application was phased, with funding requested for pre-construction work including design, permitting and CEQA compliance, and construction documents.	Fund if deemed feasible. Staff proposes to work with applicants and other stakeholders to determine feasibility and prioritization of Compton Creek based on the Regional Garden Master Plan and return to the Board with a recommendation of funding for planning and design.
Wildwood Canyon Preserve Acquisition Project	San Dimas, City of / Glendora, City of	The project is located in both San Dimas & Glendora. It consists of 17 parcels totaling approximately 510 acres undeveloped hillside open space. The acquisition is for the purpose of preservation of the natural habitat, low-impact recreation such as hiking and equestrian trails. Portions of the north and northeast sides of the site adjoin the Angeles National Forest. The project site includes 7 canyons and associated ridges. Wildlife currently travels north, east, and south through the canyons and ridges. The site includes essential habitat linkages, five permanent water sources, water recharge, critical open space, vital habitat for sensitive and endangered species, and a critical corridor buffer between the urban edge and the Angeles National Forest.	Fund if deemed feasible. Work with applicant to identify matching funds and determine feasibility of RMC elements in connection to the Emerald Necklace analysis and return to Board with recommendation.

EXHIBIT F, Tier 2 Applications Not Recommended for Funding Sorted by Project Name			
Project Name	Applicant	Current Description	Recommendation
Acquisition & Buffer Expansion of Brodiaea Reserve	Glendora Community Conservancy	Purchase/Acquisition of 7 acres for buffer property to the Brodiaea. Property is in north Glendora Foothills. Open space has high quality oak woodland and is watershed of Hilton Canyon of the Regional Wildlife Corridor. Buffer between urban and Brodiaea Reserve. A key habitat link in the Foothills Wildlife Corridor. Endangered species (Brodiaea/Significant Ecological Area) protection.	Not recommended for funding due a low evaluation score.
Acquisition/ Restoration (Fire) Upper San Jose Watershed	San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy	Phase One acquisition of three 40 acre properties for watershed protection on the east flank of Palmer Canyon of the Upper San Jose Creek/Watershed. Major concerns have been raised about rapid habitat recovery essential to both plant communities and water supply/aquifer replenishment in serious fire damaged areas such as this. \$2 M + \$100K restoration	Not recommended for funding due to low evaluation score.
Acquisition/ Restoration Van Tassel Nature Sanctuary	San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy	This is a purchase/acquisition of 300 acres of existing open space in the San Gabriel Mountain foothills, immediately north of Duarte and west of Azusa for permanent watershed protection, open space and nature sanctuary preserve. Some passive recreation use and interpretation opportunities exist on Van Tassel Trail, a major regional connector trail from the Valley into the National Forest. Open space serves as coastal sage scrub habitat for sensitive species and buffer property between highly urbanized areas and the Angeles National Forest in eastern Los Angeles County. Restoration opportunities exist for eradication of invasive non-native plants' encroachment into wildland areas, and for habitat recovery. The property is a key habitat link in the Foothills Wildlife Corridor.	Not recommended for funding. Project scored in lower end of the curve.
Robert Reed Ranch Preserve Acquisition Project	Riverlands Preservation Trust of the Rio San Gabriel (Rio Trust), The	Rio Trust proposes the acquisition of property in the Puente Hills adjacent to Rowland Heights, for stewardship, development and preservation of open space. The acquisition would: a) facilitate the connectivity of Schabarum Regional Park through the extension of trails and hiking paths; b) provide for the restoration and protection of endangered native species of plants and animals; c) provide for the continuation of available habitat for indigenous wildlife; d) promote fire safety through restoration with naturally fire resistant native plant species; and e) provide recreational and educational facilities.	Not recommended for funding due a low evaluation score.
Skyline Trail/Rio Hondo Staging Area Development	Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, County of	The proposed project will provide site improvements to include landscaping and irrigation, horse water troughs, picnic tables/benches, hitching rails, and bridle fencing. The Step 2 application seeks funding for all three phases, from design through construction.	Not recommended for funding due to a low evaluation score, especially for criteria such as habitat and water resources that could be increased significantly with a project designed to meet multiple objectives.
Summitridge Park Southern Trail Development Project	Diamond Bar, City of	Starting at the Diamond Bar Center Trailhead the trail follows a rough hard pan trail into an undeveloped area. Traveling through open space hikers may view the rolling Chino Hills, the angels Crest and the country Estates. The up and down path will help the general public to maintain healthy lifestyles through low impact walking/hiking exercise. The project includes: trail clearing, developing a decomposed granite, four foot wide path with recycled product trex header, two rest stops with benches, trash receptacles, educational and interpretive signs, overlapping rock steps, landscape tie steps and native planting in areas barren from human use.	Not recommended for funding. Project scored in lower end of the curve. \$250,813 for project from Recreational Transit Program (RTP) Trail grant application not awarded this round. City is not able to commit at this time to fill the funding gap. Total project cost: \$355,782
Azusa River Wilderness Park at El Encanto Phase 1 Development	Watershed Conservation Authority	Proposal is for the design and construction documents of the Azusa River Wilderness Park Phase I development. Phase I will develop the surrounding areas at the old El Encanto Restaurant, specifically the area where the Mobile Home Park is currently situated. The concept plan will include an opportunity for an outdoor classroom as well for interpretive signage of the natural and cultural history as well as the importance of the watershed. Additionally the concept plan will include an outdoor Amphitheatre, Picnic area, Restroom, An Overlook, Entry Gates, Trail improvements as well as interpretive and wayfinding elements.	Not recommended for funding. Costs for project are high. Seek matching funds in future grant rounds.

EXHIBIT F, Tier 2 Applications Not Recommended for Funding Sorted by Project Name			
Project Name	Applicant	Current Description	Recommendation
Canyon Institute Outdoor Classroom Project	California Resource Connections, inc.	The grant proposal is for the planning and design of a regional low impact development demonstration and watershed education center. CRC proposes to bring up to code the existing structures and surrounding landscape to provide an outdoor classroom and meeting space for holding educational programs for San Gabriel Valley students and the general public. Project components include restoration and conversion of an existing garage to a classroom setting with adjacent program office space. Surrounding landscape design will provide for educational programs as well as serve as a demonstration of regionally appropriate design using native and compatible low water plant species, historic and edible landscapes, rainwater capture, efficient irrigation systems and use of sustainable materials and techniques where possible.	Not recommended for funding. Staff will work with applicant to further evaluate and analyze potential funding of project elements once issues related to access and security have been addressed.
Charter Oak Wash Outdoor and Interpretive center	Covina Parks & Recreation Department, City of	This project consists of restoration of native riparian habitat, erosion mitigation, removal of non-native vegetation and old drainage pipes at Charter Oak Wash in Kahler Russell Park and the construction of a nature/water history interpretive center. The application is now phased, but seeks funding for both phases concurrently. Design and permitting of wash restoration has 100% matching funds from the city, and the LEED designed Interpretive Center has even higher proportionate matching funds. The grant request would use 100% RMC funds for renovation of the wash: removal of contaminants, protection of bridge and park building; replacement of non-native with native plants, and improvement of channel hydraulics.	Not recommended for funding due to the emphasis on a new building in an existing park. Other elements that are better aligned with RMC funding criteria - e.g., habitat enhancement and improvements to naturalize the wash - might be repackaged in a future application.
Citrus Heights Bike Stop Development	Watershed Conservation Authority	Phase 1: Conceptual planning, including community visioning, to form the basis for findings under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The budget includes funding for completion of CEQA analysis and certification.	Not recommended for funding. Investigate other funding sources and continue coordination and planning with RMC
Community Access Developments for Azusa River Park	California Resource Connections	The grant proposal is for the planning and design of the Community Access Developments for the Azusa River Wilderness Park. These include design elements conceptualized in the Azusa River Master Plan that offer both education and low-impact recreational opportunities that facilitate community use of the park. Areas in need of development are the common areas at El Encanto/WCA and RMC headquarters (i.e. back patio and meeting room); and those areas at Taylor Property that lend themselves to this type of use (exterior public spaces). Physical improvements may include benches, chairs, tables, lighting, and refurbishment of the grounds (i.e. refurbishment of the drainage system for the hill behind the back patio at El Encanto) and interpretive signage (way finding, regulatory, and site interpretation).	Not recommended for funding. Staff will work with applicant to further evaluate and analyze potential funding of project elements.
Development of the Duck Farm Phase 1B	Watershed Conservation Authority	Phase 1B will include a new 150 space parking lot. Improvements to the access road will enhance access to a community garden and dog park. A meandering trail along enhanced riparian landscape and meadow will lead to an expanded river-edge promenade along the east bank of the San Gabriel River between Valley Boulevard and the new Visitor Center and amphitheatre/outdoor classroom adjacent to a 1 acre fresh water marsh landscape. Access improvements by means of sidewalk improvements and a pedestrian access ramp at Valley Boulevard. The existing equestrian facility will be expanded and improved.	Not recommended for funding. Applicant should investigate funding potential from other State grant programs (e.g. River Parkways), and from CalTrans for needed accessibility improvements to the site.
Eaton Wash Trail Development Project	Pasadena, City of	Funding proposal is for the planning and design to extend the proposed Eaton Wash Trail approximately three miles north to south to create a new linkage between the Angeles National Forest/Eaton Canyon to the north through the City of Pasadena and continue south to connect with existing and planned regional trails. Proposed developments of the Eaton Wash Trail consist of hiking, biking and walking trails within the City limits and contribute to the Golden Necklace. Presently inaccessible to the public, the trail will provide new public access and enhance access to existing trails between Eaton Canyon Nature Center and Angeles National Forest.	Not recommended for funding. Applicant should further develop trail locations and secure land tenure and improve application elements to be more consistent with RMC's policies.

EXHIBIT F, Tier 2 Applications Not Recommended for Funding Sorted by Project Name			
Project Name	Applicant	Current Description	Recommendation
El Dorado Regional Park Water Conservation and Water Quality Improvements	Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine, City of	This project is to convert the 6 lakes in El Dorado Regional Park and Nature Center from potable well water to excess reclaimed water. This would be done by installing nano-filtration plants at the northern-most lake in the Park and in the maintenance yard adjacent to the Nature Ctr. The nano-filtration will provide clean water to the lakes, and allow the lakes to overflow into the connecting streambeds, thereby providing increased circulation and cleansing of the lakes from the accumulation of pollutants that now occurs with the minimal overflow that now occurs. The estimated potable water savings would be 190 acre-feet per year.	Not recommended for funding. The project is too narrowly focused on a single benefit, converting a water source from potable to recycled water, resulting in a low evaluation score. Consider funding through IRWMP, Department of Water Resources grant programs, or Metropolitan Water District Conservation and Local Resource Programs.
Encanto-Fish Canyon Trail Project	Duarte, City of	Grant proposal by the City is for the planning and design to extend the Encanto Nature Walk Trail north along the west bank of the San Gabriel River to provide trail access from Encanto Park and the San Gabriel River Bikeway to the trail developed by the City of Duarte to Fish Canyon Falls. Access will also be provided to the Van Tassel Motorway, designated as a County hiking trail. Non-native landscaping along Encanto Parkway will be remove and replaced by native plants. Interpretive and directional signs will be provided to supply trail users with information regarding the area's natural history and information on trail destinations.	Not recommended for funding. Applicant should further develop trail alignment and conservation elements.
Hollydale Garden Development Project	Central Basin Municipal Water District	This project is to enhance water education for students and the public by providing a hands on demonstration garden that features drought resistant plants and water efficient irrigation. Located near the Los Angeles River at Hollydale Park in South Gate, this garden will be designed in conjunction with curriculum from the Hollydale Elementary School. Although fenced in for student safety, it will be visible and easily enjoyed by the community, with informational signage. Public tours will be offered through the school. The City of South Gate is an "impacted city" and the project will enhance urban land, as defined under the Green urban Space designation.	Not recommended for funding. The project only utilizes drought tolerant plants. Access limited.
LCWA Bixby/Dean Acquisition	Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority	After being owned by the Bixby Land Company since the 1800's, this 185 acre property was recently sold to a local private land owner, Thomas Dean. This project would be to negotiate with the new owner to acquire the surface rights to this precious property. It contains over 45 acres of pristine tidal salt marsh habitat, as well as several acres of brackish marsh mixed with an abundance of degraded salt marsh in need of rehabilitation. Currently Breitburn Energy leases the land for oil operations. The Step 2 application is phased, with the requested funds only covering preacquisition work.	Not recommended for funding. No matching funds were identified, and the project lacked elements of educational, water resource, or restoration that might be expected in such a location.
Peck Water Conservation Park Master Plan	El Monte, City of/Amigos de los Rios	Proposal by the City and Amigos de los Rios is for Phase 2 of the master plan at Peck Water Conservation Park, a unique 200 acre quarry now serving as a water management & recreation facility. The area consists of two lakes in a figure 8 shape. A concept master plan was completed by Amigos in 2005. The elements of this proposed master plan build on the concept plan work and include master plan elements for water resources, habitat restoration, enhanced trails and recreation opportunities, sustainable development guidelines, and interpretive signage as well as a review of revenue generation opportunities for park operators and maintenance. The master plan will benefit from the proposed ALTA survey for the area.	Not recommended for funding. Staff recommends working with applicant and stakeholders to determine feasibility and prioritization of project elements related to meeting Emerald Necklace Program goals.
Puente Creek & La Seda Restoration	Los Angeles County Flood Control District	The project consists of the development of a 13,000 square foot property using low impact development practices that incorporates native plant swales. The project will also serve as a recreational and educational resource for students and the community. Implementation of the project requires successfully negotiating a joint use agreement with the School District. The Step 2 application requests funds for preconstruction costs only.	Not recommended for funding, due to relatively low evaluation scores for habitat, recreation, and stakeholder involvement.

EXHIBIT F, Tier 2 Applications Not Recommended for Funding Sorted by Project Name			
Project Name	Applicant	Current Description	Recommendation
San Gabriel River: Watershed Improvement Program	San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy	The San Gabriel River Waste Removal Multi-element project is a partnership between the San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy and the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito Vector Control District to address recreational watershed issues and stewardship training for the region's youth. Project includes procurement of vitally needed composting public toilets for high use, sensitive areas of the river. The program relies on the partnership, capital improvement and use of Vector Control Districts facilities where participants conduct lab research, mentoring and stewardship education activities.	Not recommended for funding. This project does not fit the initial criteria of new park, new trail, new habitat. It is an education & research project. There is no evidence of partnership with USFS, which is critical to placing composting toilets within the Angeles Forest.
San Jose Creek Multiuse Study	Los Angeles County Flood Control District	LA County Flood Control District proposes to evaluate the feasibility of developing a multiuse project along the San Jose Creek. Purpose of the project is to treat and recharge stormwater from San Jose Creek and provide passive recreational opportunities.	Not recommended for funding. Recommend that applicant further develop concept and address issues related to public access, land tenure, and multi-use elements.
Santa Fe Dam Campground Development	Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, County of	The funding request is for the planning, design and CEQA for the campground enhancements consisting of installing fire rings, an amphitheater, seating, grading and providing native landscaping throughout the campground. The project also includes the development of an interpretive site displaying educational signage and low impact interactive equipment to interpret historical "Speed of light" experiments conducted by Einstein and Michelson at the turn of the century.	Not recommended for funding. Staff recommends working with applicant and stakeholders to determine feasibility and prioritization of project elements related to meeting Emerald Necklace Program goals.
Schabarum Blueline Stream Restoration Project	Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, County of	Proposal by the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation for blue line stream restoration, bank naturalization, removal of excess concrete and invasive/non-native plant species, day lighting, native plantings, habitat restoration and interpretive signage.	Not recommended for funding. Applicant should develop project concepts to incorporate Grant Program priorities.
Treasure Island Renovation Project	Downey, City of	Community organization, Unity, is working with the City to make improvements to this heavily used park. Grant funding will provide construction documents and improvements to the park. The project includes security lighting, walking trail, picnic areas, small play area, benches, turf renovation and replacement of irrigation system (reclaimed water). The 4 acre park is located along the Rio Hondo River Trail and the proposed improvements will create a safe walking trail through the park.	Not recommended for funding. The majority of funding is for infrastructure of the refurbishment of the existing park.
City to River Nature Walk Loop Development	South El Monte, City of Amigos de los Rios	Phase 1 planning for Civic Center enhancement, includes: City Hall, Library, County Assessor's Office, Recreation Center, Senior Center, Municipal swimming pool and tennis courts. City plans to create 5.6 mile walking trail loop around perimeter of Civic Center and Shively School, providing connection via City streets to Whittier Narrows Recreation area, Rio Hondo River (to west), San Gabriel River at Thienes Avenue (to east). Amenities to include native trees and shrubs, decomposed granite and concrete pathways, vegetated swales, water fountains, benches, interpretive signage, and exercise stations. City proposes to use reclaimed water for irrigation along the trail.	Not recommended for funding. Investigate other funding sources and strengthen trail connections vs. use of City streets
Greenway Trail Anti-Graffiti Measures	Whittier, City of	The existing Greenway Trail, a Rails to Trails has been developed as a pedestrian path and bikeway which includes educational/interpretive stations throughout the trail. The grant proposes to enhance this existing trail, which will include anti-graffiti landscaping to enhance the bikeway and public use of the trail where needed, trellis will be installed to support the landscaping thus eliminating the graffiti. The proposed improvements will enhance children's safety on this bikeway. Additionally, an irrigation system will be based on evapo-transpiration rates and will capable of multiple irrigation cycles with programmable soak in times and match precipitation rate sprinkler heads.	Not recommended for funding. Application primarily emphasized mitigation measures on existing trails.

EXHIBIT F, Tier 2 Applications Not Recommended for Funding Sorted by Project Name			
Project Name	Applicant	Current Description	Recommendation
Huntington Park Water Reservoir	Huntington Park, City of	Assessment of feasibility & planning for converting one or more of five existing water reservoir sites to an underground facility with the intention of utilizing the remaining surface area for compatible open space park uses. Water reservoirs range in size from 0.26 - 2.1 acres. Phase 2 to include design, permit, management and construction costs associated with converting one or more of the reservoirs. Phase 3 to include development for open space recreation area. Phase 1: \$555,000 (site #12 only = \$60,000), Conversion estimated \$2.5 million.	Not recommended for funding. Recommend investigation of other funding sources for feasibility study and development
Maywood Avenue Park/ Development	Trust for Public Land	This project will entail the development of a new pocket park on a vacant lot owned by City. The park will be located on one of Maywood's most dense streets filled with a mix of overcrowded apartments, mixed use commercial and industrial businesses. The site is located on the western boundary of the City where park services are far and few between. In a community where residents are plagued with chronic health conditions such as obesity and high blood pressure. the park will provide a place for exercise, relation, and community development.	Not recommended for funding. Investigate funding sources, i.e., Urban Parks Program, Trust for Public Land
New Temple Park	South El Monte, City of	New Temple is an existing neighborhood park that accommodates many organized community sports events. The City proposes to create a nature trail loop around the existing athletic fields and support buildings of the park. The nature trail will include native trees, shrubs, interpretive signage and benches. The project will be designed to educate park users on water resources, natural and cultural history of the area. Application is for planning only	Not recommended for funding. Investigate funding sources for matching funds for planning and ~\$1M for development elements to this existing park.
Pine/Falling Leaf Pocket Park	Rosemead, City of	The City of Rosemead is proposing to develop pocket parks in three vacant parcels located underneath Southern California Edison (SCE) transmission line right-of-way areas. The needed parks are located in dense residential areas that contain little space. The application is to make improvements to the undeveloped parcel between Pine Street and Falling Leaf Avenue. The Pocket Parks will include native riparian landscape, walking trails, interpretive kiosks, and passive recreational amenities. The project will consist of two phases and involve contributions from City staff, the public, SCE, and neighboring residents. These projects are part of a larger vision to create a continuous greenway space along the entire SCE easement through the City of Rosemead.	Not recommended for funding due to relatively low evaluation scores for urban land value, water management, habitat, and restoration criteria.
Vermont Median Pilot Development and Assessment	Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council	Vermont Avenue extends 25 miles from Griffith Park to the Pacific Ocean through many historical sites, jurisdictions & neighborhoods. For 3.75 miles this corridor runs through RMC territory and has a 170 foot wide right-of-way. This project will feature a preliminary assessment of the opportunities and constraints along the right-of-way by an undergraduate Cal Poly Pomona planning class; design recommendations; engineering design; construction of a PILOT park along two blocks of the median (from 90th to 89th Street). Advocacy time for extra policy change associated with this project included.	Not recommended for funding. Recommend investigate alternative sources of funding. Further investigation required regarding safety and access issues on this very busy major street. see San Vincente Blvd in Brentwood as example.
White Avenue Park-Pomona	Pomona, City of	The City of Pomona proposes the acquisition and development of a new 4.3 acre urban park, to include fitness trail, picnic/rest areas, and other amenities.	Not recommended for funding due to the high cost and lack of matching funds. Encourage applicant to carry out pre-acquisition tasks such as zoning and general plan amendment and appraisal to strengthen a future grant application. Explore potential of matching funds from Prop A and the City.
Whittier Narrows Bicycle/Ped Path Dev.	Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation, County of	Project proposal includes the development of a 3 mile bike/walking path with exercise equipment, warm-up stations, stretching apparatus, education signage along with bioswales and native plantings. Proposal also emphasizes a special emphasis on a Pedestrian/Bicycle Traffic Signal across Durfee. It is unclear if the 3 mile path is new or simply enhanced. No phasing proposed for this proposal which is very large in scope and cost	Not recommended for funding. No new access, urban value low, overall low score.

EXHIBIT G, Tier 2 Applications, Ineligible/Incomplete or Withdrawn Projects Sorted by Project Name			
Project Name	Applicant	Current Description	Recommendation
Cha'wot Nature Preserve Acquisition and Planning	Signal Hill, City of	self deferred to next grant round	Withdrawn. Self deferred to next grant round
Coyote Creek Watershed Plan Implementation	California Resource Connections, inc.	The Coyote Creek Watershed Management Plan contains many project recommendations that will not be undertaken by Orange County due to other competing priorities. This proposed Implementation Program would build capacity for cities in the watershed to identify and develop watershed projects, and a prioritized list of multiple-objective park and open space projects ready for implementation in one pilot city.	Ineligible; active recreation.
LA and SG Rivers Habitat Restoration Program	Los Angeles and San Gabriel rivers Watershed Council	This grant request by the Los Angeles & San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council will: (1) establish a local, documented source of native seeds (propagates) to increase genetically-appropriate plants for restoration/revitalization projects in the watersheds; (2) establish a program for collecting and distributing the propagates; and (3) increase collaboration among resource agencies, Non0Governmental Organizations, and growers through a series of meetings, trainings, and a user-friendly database of projects. The Watershed Council will manage the project, maintain the project database, and monitor seed collection sites. Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden will verify documented collections, collect specified seeds, and manage seed databases. Projected to be a three-year program, we showing a one-year budget for seed money.	Ineligible. Grant criteria specify a limit on planning portion of projects, for eligibility.
LACC Restoration Projects	LA Conservation Corps	Crews from the LACC possess numerous skills to be used on a variety of RMC projects. These skills include but are not limited to demolition, general construction, removal of nonnative vegetation, native seed collection, trail building and maintenance., habitat restoration, recycling programs & construction. LACC crews are also well versed in making educational presentations concerning environmental issues to schools & in community @ multiple venues. RMC funding will provide 258 days or 10,320 hours crew labor. Project funding covers all costs to provide a crew including supervision, transportation, insurance, tools, uniforms and safety equipment. Project funding does not include material costs to complete assigned projects.	Withdrawn. City self-deferred to 2009/10 funding cycle, no step 2 application submitted.
Northside Park Playground Development	Azusa, City of	The Playground Development and Low Impact Recreation Project at Northside Park will ... augment existing recreation amenities on site.... The proposed GeoSculpt™ play unit will provide a unique opportunity for children ages 10 and up. GeoSculpt Standards™ combine minimum play value with realistic hand sculpted climbing. More than just rocks, GeoSculpt™ Standards are interactive sculptures that feature both natural and artistic elements. The Yosemite Boulder would be one of only a few in the State of California.	Incomplete application
Norwalk Dog Park Acquisition & Development	Norwalk, City of	City proposes to acquire and develop approximately 1.5 acres of vacant land located south of Briar Street and adjacent to the San Gabriel River. Initial City inquiry indicates this property to be under fee ownership by the LA County Flood Control District. This property is mainly unimproved easement and not suited for urban street use. However, this site presents an ideal setting for a dog park that would encompass facilities for parking, large dog area, small dog area and access to the San Gabriel River Hose and Bicycle trails.	Ineligible. Project does not fit criteria, however project is needed to fulfill requirements of grants within the territory. Team recommends RMC staff further partner to establish nursery program.
Peck Water Conservation Park Trail Development	El Monte, City of/ Amigos de los Rios	Project with four aspects of a multi-benefit 200 acre recreation facility; including restoration/enhancement of habitat; creation of educational demonstration gardens & a network of trails. Creation of continuous 1.8 mile multi-modal equestrian, walking, biking trail c connecting east & west shores of the lake, surrounding schools and residential areas in a park poor area. new interpretive vistas/seating areas will be created along the trail which has a very pronounced topography. Amenities will include: interpretive signage, water fountains, benches, picnic areas and upgraded restroom and parking lot with Best Management Practices for water quality	Withdrawn. Applicant Removed application due to award of grant from Resources Agency for project.

EXHIBIT G, Tier 2 Applications, Ineligible/Incomplete or Withdrawn Projects Sorted by Project Name			
Project Name	Applicant	Current Description	Recommendation
San Gabriel River Trail extension to ARWP	Watershed Conservation Authority	This is the design and the development of an extension of the San Gabriel River Trail from its current end in Azusa to the Azusa River Wilderness Park, the parking lot of El Encanto.	Ineligible - work may be submitted for a subcontract of the Duck Farm Phase 1B Watershed Conservation Authority grant request 2009/10 cycle
Santa Fe Dam Bike Trail Enhancement Project	Watershed Conservation Authority	No Step 2 submitted	Incomplete. No Step 2 submitted
Zacatecas Park Playground Development	Azusa, City of	The Playground Development and Low Impact Recreation Project at Zacatecas Park will augment existing recreation amenities on site. The proposed GeoSculpt™ play unit will provide a unique opportunity for children ages 5-12. The Play Ball feature would be the first of its kind in California.	Ineligible. Playground application only

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RESOLUTION 2008-82

RESOLUTION OF THE SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES
RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY (RMC) APPROVING
GRANT PROGRAM TIER 2 RECOMMENDATIONS

WHEREAS, The RMC may award grants to local public agencies, state agencies, federal agencies, and nonprofit organizations for the purposes of Division 22.8 the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, The people of the State of California have enacted The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act Of 2006 (2006 Bond); and

WHEREAS, It is necessary to establish policies and procedures for allocation of RMC grant funds under these Bond programs; and

WHEREAS, This action is exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and NOW

Therefore be it resolved that, the RMC hereby:

1. FINDS that this action is consistent with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy Act and is necessary to carry out the purposes and objectives of Section 32600 *et seq* of the Public Resources Code.
2. FINDS that the actions contemplated by this resolution are exempt from the environmental impact report requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.
3. ADOPTS the staff report dated October 29, 2008
4. APPROVES staff recommendations for Grant Program Tier 2 funding.
5. AUTHORIZES staff to work with each applicant recommended for Tier 2 funding to develop a specific scope of work, budget and monitoring plan for each project over the next several months and submit each grant award to the Board for final approval.

~ End of Resolution ~

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Passed and Adopted by the Board of the
SAN GABRIEL AND LOWER LOS ANGELES RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS
CONSERVANCY on October 29, 2008

Dan Arrighi, Chair

ATTEST:

Terry Fujimoto
Deputy Attorney General

DATE: October 29, 2008
TO: RMC Governing Board
FROM: Belinda V. Faustinos, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: Item 8F: Consideration of Resolution Approving an Appointment to the Habitat and Science Panel

This item will not be heard.

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